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COST OF SHANGHAI FORCE.

FULL DEBATE IN HOUSE OF COMMONS.

LABOUR SAYS THAT SHANGHAI SHOULD PAY.

AWAITING STABLE RULE.

A full-dress debate on British policy in China took place yesterday in the House of Commons, arising out of the vote of over £3,000,000 to pay for the cost of the extra troops.

For the Government it was emphasised that the troops would be withdrawn so soon as there came into being in China a stable Government willing and able to afford protection to British subjects, but that in the meantime it was considered necessary to maintain the Shanghai Defence Force at its present reduced strength.

Labour speakers criticised the payment of the expenses by Britons at home, saying that those who benefited by the protection ought to pay. Commander Kenworthy said that the threat of withdrawing the troops would soon make Shanghai put its hand in its pocket. Mr. Lloyd George agreed with the despatch of the troops but suggested that they should be quartered in Hongkong instead of Shanghai.

The need for concerted action by the Powers regarding China was stressed by Mr. H. W. Loker, and for the Government in reply it was stated that the closest co-operation with other Powers was being fostered. Respect for the Washington Treaty had, however, to be maintained.

INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT NEEDED.

London, Dec. 14.

In the House of Commons, in introducing a Supplementary Estimate for £3,000,000, the excess cost involved in the employment of extra troops in China, Commander H. D. King said that the presence of the Shanghai Defence Force had undoubtedly had a steady effect in China. The force had been reduced, but the whole of it could not be removed until a Chinese Government could assure us that it was able and willing adequately to protect Britons.

Troops' Behaviour.

Commodore King paid a glowing tribute to the tact and restraint of the troops, saying that they had lived up to the very highest traditions of the British Army notwithstanding uncomfortable living conditions and restricted opportunities for recreation. Their discipline had been excellent and their conduct most exemplary. Everything considered, the health of the troops had been satisfactory.

Shanghai's Contribution.

He mentioned that an estimate of the cost of sea transport amounted to £978,000. He proceeded to say that British might be grateful to the Shanghai Municipal Council for its substantial contribution towards the extra cost of billets, food, light and water used by one battalion engaged on internal security duties, and also for its exemption of the Shanghai Defence Force from Municipal taxation on occupied land and buildings; also for the free use of unoccupied land and buildings belonging to the Council. The estimates included the full maintenance and pay of the Indian contingent regarding which there had been some doubt.

Labour's Objections.

Mr. C. P. Trevelyan (Labour) opposing the estimate, said that the House wanted to know how much longer the troops were going to stay and how many were there. He did not think that the health statistics revealed a good average and declared that Labour's prediction that the presence of troops would further embitter anti-British feelings and make the position of Britishers outside Shanghai worse had proved to be right. British trade had diminished for the same reason, although Chinese consumption had not decreased. It showed that Lancashire was being blocked in Shanghai. The "unequal treaties" must go and the ports and cities ought to belong to the Chinese again.

Mr. J. S. Wardlaw Milne (Conservative) said that the presence of British troops in Shanghai had made it the Mecca of pilgrims seeking safety from many parts of China.

Who Should Pay?

Col. Wedgwood (Labour) asked whether the Foreign Office had envisaged the future to any extent or whether it was simply carrying on the futile and most expensive doctrine of "wait and see" in China. There had been civil war for twelve years and there was no sign of termination. He contended that if the occupation of Shanghai was to be considered necessary there ought to be definite conclusions whether the ratepayers here or the people to be protected in China should be asked to pay. He asked if it was impossible to organise an adequate police or defence force among the English foreigners in Shanghai, and also if the Government had any plans for obtaining co-operation among the western nations. America was far more inclined to look at China from our point of view than a year ago, and he considered that if England and America could agree then Japan would come into line.

Other Powers.

Mr. H. W. Loker (Conservative) pointed out that Europeans in China for purely commercial purposes could not be expected to act in a double capacity. He suggested that the Washington Agreement should be recognised as having become obsolete and then the views of other Powers should be ascertained by one of our biggest and best-known men by direct contact with the countries concerned. Moderate opinion in China should also be consulted and suggestions of mutual assistance obtained. If these efforts failed, we should consider bringing the matter before the League of Nations.

Wealthy Shanghai.

Com. Kenworthy (Labour) thought that we should induce Shanghai, which was "one of the wealthiest cities in the world for its size and practically paid no taxes," to contribute to the cost of the force, but Commander King pointed out that it was an International Settlement and that we had no power to levy taxation.

Com. Kenworthy thought that the threat of withdrawing the force would soon make them put their hands in their pockets.

Mr. Lloyd George defended the despatch of the Defence Force to Shanghai but thought it might be wiser from a health point of view (even now) for the troops to be quartered in Hongkong instead of Shanghai.

Awaiting Peace.

Mr. Loker-Lampson, for the Foreign Office, said that the Government entirely agreed that the unequal treaties had got to go and was merely awaiting somebody with whom it could negotiate. (Continued on Page 4.)

"GORGISTAN" COOLIES AGAIN RIOT.

OFFICERS PELTED WITH LUMPS OF COAL.

STEAM AND HOSES USED.

Another coolie riot, which threatened to assume alarming proportions until the ship's officers resorted to the use of steam pipes and hoses to quell the disturbance, occurred on board the Nemaze steamer Gorgistan this morning, in spite of the presence of the police guard, which has been in regular attendance since Tuesday's demonstrations.

For ten minutes the scene was one of indescribable confusion. The police could do little to stop the infuriated mob, which, observing the officers taking breakfast on the bridge, pelted them with lumps of coal and secured long bamboo poles, pointed at the ends, with which they endeavoured to prod the officers from the deck.

The outbreak occurred shortly before ten o'clock, the police, and the officers opened the steam pipes and water hoses on the mob, which was subdued before Inspector Dorrington arrived on the scene with police reinforcements.

The coolies are emigrants, indentured labour for the Singapore Naval Base, and have been held up in Hongkong on the Gorgistan for seven days waiting for transshipment to another vessel. They have been chafing at the delay for several days and this morning's riot was the second of the kind.

No arrests were made to-day, but the police guard has been doubled, and we are informed that the arrangements for transshipment have now been completed.

A DESERTER'S RELEASE.

A FOREIGN LEGION CASE.

London, Dec. 14.

Mr. G. Loker-Lampson announced in the House of Commons that the French Government had generously agreed to grant the free release of the Cardiff man, John Harvey, who is serving eight years' penal servitude in France for deserting from the Foreign Legion.

Harvey was one of five men, who were headed by the American Doty who was sentenced to death but since released. Harvey is an ex-British service man.—*Reuter.*

"A Generous Act."

London, Dec. 14. Replying to questions about the case of John Harvey, a native of Cardiff, who was serving a sentence of eight years' penal servitude in France for deserting from the Foreign Legion, Mr. Loker-Lampson (Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs) said: "I am happy to be able to say that the French Government, as soon as the matter was brought to their notice, have given orders for the immediate release" of Harvey. I am sure the House will much appreciate this graceful and generous act of the French Government."—*British Wireless.*

THE KING OF AFGHANISTAN.

GREAT RECEPTION IN BOMBAY.

Bombay, Dec. 14.

Salutes boomed from the harbour in welcome to His Majesty Amanullah, King of Afghanistan, on his arrival by sea from Karachi. He was greeted by Sir Leslie Wilson, in the absence of the Viceroy, who was unable to attend through malaria.

His Majesty was presented to a distinguished company. He passed through the city gateway and along gaily bedecked streets, which were thronged by immense crowds representing all communities, with a sprinkling of Afghans, bearing the black and silver flag, enhancing the picturesqueness of the scene.

His Majesty and the Queen, accompanied by Sir Leslie Wilson and Lady Irwin drove to Government House, the four-mile route being packed with a cheering cosmopolitan crowd whose applause the King repeatedly stood up to acknowledge.—*Reuter.*

FORGED CHEQUES.

CANADIAN COMMITTED FOR TRIAL.

A REMARKABLE STORY.

When Richard Charles Williams, alias Charles Puig, alias Charles Stone, was charged, on remand before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Police Court this morning, with obtaining £2,000 from the Banque d'Ottomane at Jerusalem by means of fraud, and with obtaining a further sum of \$500 and also £450 worth of travellers' cheques from the Hongkong office of the American Express Company, by means of the presentation of a forged letter of credit, a remarkable story was told of his activities by the prosecution.

In the course of a lengthy opening by Mr. P. C. Jenkin, Counsel for the prosecution, it was alleged that Williams, who is known throughout a dozen countries by a different pseudonym, was a prolific forger of cheques and other cash instruments, and that his operations, of a world-wide character, had covered half-a-dozen different countries before he was finally arrested at Santiago, in Chile, and extradited to this Colony for trial.

Williams, through his solicitor, Mr. Leo d'Almada Snr., pleaded

ANTI-SOVIET CAMPAIGN

The Nanking Government Decision.

Shanghai, Dec. 14.

The Nanking Government has launched a campaign against the alleged Russian influence in Chinese affairs.

Marshal Chiang Kai-shek this evening said: "The Soviet Consulates throughout China are serving as hotbeds of Communist propaganda, necessitating the immediate severance of Sino-Russian relations. I sometime ago recommended breaking off relations and if action had been taken then the Canton disaster would probably never have happened."

Mr. Quo Tai-chi, the Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs, at a University Club dinner to-night stated that China was determined to rid herself of Communism which had brought on chaos and disorder.—*Reuter.*

guilty to the three charges, but reserved legal points defence for the subsequent trial at the Supreme Court. Accused was committed for trial.

Mr. Jenkin said that in so far as the facts connected with the present charges were concerned, the accused first appeared on the scene in July, 1926, when he called at the Jerusalem branch of the Banque d'Ottomane. There he presented money and obtained a letter of credit for £200, and from that stage, appeared to have moved restlessly about. When next heard of, he was at Ally, in the Holy Land, from where he wrote to the Banque d'Ottomane at Jerusalem explaining that while halting at a smithy to have his horse shod, a spark from the iron burnt his coat, and in the process damaged the letter of credit as well. It was an unfortunate incident, remarked Counsel, unfortunately also that the burned portion should coincide with the place of the figure £200.

"Clever Forgery."

The Banque issued a new Letter of Credit, and acknowledgment of the receipt of this was made by Williams from Mount Lebanon, at Beyrouth, and other places in the Holy Land, accused drew various drafts on this letter of credit, all the last draft made at Basra, in Iraq, left him with only a balance of £15. To recuperate himself, Williams found that he had not exhausted the possibilities of the Letter of Credit, and by clever forgery, altered the figure from £200 to £2,000. So that when he reached Bombay and made his

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BRITISH DEBT TO AMERICA.

ANOTHER BIG PAYMENT TO-DAY.

OVER \$800,000,000 PAID.

London, Dec. 14.

A payment of \$92,576,000 is being made to-morrow by the British Government to the United States Treasury.

Of this amount, \$25,000,000 is on account of repayment of principal, the balance being interest.

With this payment, the total payments to the United States since the funding of the British Debt amount to \$802,980,000, of which \$120,000,000 has been on account of repayment of principal. The amount outstanding has been reduced to \$4,480,000,000.—*British Wireless.*

PRAYER BOOK.

APPROVED BY HOUSE OF LORDS.

London, Dec. 14.

In the House of Lords, the Archbishop of Canterbury's motion in favour of the Prayer Book was carried by 241 votes to 83.—*Reuter.*

Yesterday's Discussion.

London, Dec. 14.

The debate in the House of Lords on the revision of the Prayer Book will be concluded this evening and it is expected that at least 300 persons will record their votes.

During last evening's debate the specific provisions of the measure received little detailed criticism. Earl Stanhope, who was the chief opposition speaker, urged the postponement of the measure until it was accompanied by another designed to ensure order and discipline in the Church. Lord Halifax, who is well known for his work at the recent Malines Conference, opposed the measure, but announced that a long personal regard for the Archbishop of Canterbury forbade him to vote against it.

From the Labour benches Lord Parmour, another prominent churchman, supported the measure, which was condemned by the Bishop of Worcester and approved by the Bishop of Chelmsford, who regarded as groundless the Bishop of Worcester's fears that the Holy Communion would, in consequence of the measure, be assimilated to the Mass.—*British Wireless.*

BRITISH LOSSES IN MEXICO.

FINAL NOTICE TO CLAIMANTS.

London, Dec. 14.

The following official statement is issued:—"On 31st March, 1927, it was announced that a Convention had been concluded between the British Government and the Mexican Government for the adjustment of certain classes of claims for losses incurred by British subjects in Mexico on account of revolutionary acts which occurred between November, 1919, and May, 1920, and that British subjects or companies with claims of this kind should, in their own interest, communicate at once with the Under Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs at the Foreign Office.

A number of British subjects with whom it has been found impossible to communicate and who filed claims about the time of their losses with the British Consulate General in Mexico City have not yet communicated with the Foreign Office. Claimants are warned that failure to communicate immediately with the Foreign Office may seriously prejudice their claims, and, in cases where further evidence is required but not forthcoming, may lead to their abandonment."—*British Wireless.*

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BANKRUPTCY DISCLOSURES.

PUBLIC EXAMINATION OF FUNG TAT-HANG.

HUGE LOSSES ON TRANSACTIONS IN SHARES.

PROPERTIES MORTGAGED.

Interesting disclosures were made in the Bankruptcy Court this morning, when the public examination took place of Mr. Fung Tat-hang, the well-known caterer of the Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels, Ltd.

In the course of examination, debtor gave details of his career with the Hongkong Hotel and stated that up till 1918 he was employed on small salary. In that year he was appointed caterer and it was after then that he began his speculations in property and shares.

He related how the many properties in his name were mortgaged either to the China Loan and Provident Company, the Hongkong Government or other interests. He gave particulars of his huge indebtedness on share contracts after the slump of 1925 and also spoke of his losses suffered as the Hotel's caterer and of his efforts to get the terms of his agreement with the Hotel varied.

LOCAL COMPANIES REFUSE CREDIT.

The public examination in bankruptcy of Mr. Fung Tat-hang, the caterer to the Hongkong Hotel, Ltd., who is now living at 6, On King Terrace, was held in the Supreme Court this morning before the Chief Justice, Sir Henry Gollan. Debtor was examined by Mr. E. L. Agassiz, Official Receiver. Mr. E. Davidson represented Messrs. Caldecott, Macgregor and Company, as creditors.

Debtor stated in reply to Mr. Agassiz that he had been employed by the Hongkong Hotel as a caterer on a salary of \$400 a month since he filed his petition on November 9. The house he was at present living in was his property and judgement had been obtained against him in connexion with a Prohibitory Order in the sum of \$17,000 on that house. He estimated the value of the house at between \$22,000 and \$23,000. He also owned No. 67 Kowloon Tong for which he received \$65 per month rent. He was married and had two children.

Debtor agreed with Mr. Agassiz that, with the exception of his own house and that at Kowloon Tong, he had no other property in the Colony which was not very heavily mortgaged. Mr. Agassiz:—Have you ever considered the question of making any provision for your creditors from your salary and income? That is only enough to cover my own expenses.

Career With Hotel.

In reply to further questions, debtor said he was 44 years of age and had been in the employ of the Hongkong Hotel in one capacity or another since 1893. The Hotel paid for his education at Queen's College and after leaving school they employed him in the capacity of a house keeper. He continued to serve the hotel in that capacity until 1918. His starting wages were \$15 a month and he was increased to \$55 in 1918. Between the time when he left school and 1918 he also had an agency for rattan ware with a Michigan firm. It was prosperous but, owing to the war, he was held back by the difficulty of getting ships to take the cargoes. He made between five and six thousand dollars out of it. At the end of 1918 he was worth about \$10,000.

Appointed Caterer.

On October 31, 1918 he entered into an agreement with the Hongkong Hotel under which he was appointed caterer. The Hotel 1924 for \$73,360. It was now bound themselves to employ no other caterer. Debtor bought ownership for \$45,000. That property was undeveloped and the covenant there was a fixed charge but on of about \$20,000. The covenant other food he was paid a percentage of the gross takings of the hotel. Nothing had been done and there was a possibility of the Government re-entering.

Agassiz said that the percentage was supposed to cover the debtor's outlay. Debtor said there was a verbal agreement with regard to wines and spirits on the same lines in possible for you to raise any further which he had to pay duty on the

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THE MORPHIA CASE.

CROSS-EXAMINATION OF CHRISTIE.

The hearing of the case against J. Christie and C. Blumh was continued at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon before Mr. R. E. Lindsell. The court sat until 5.45 p.m. in an attempt to bring the hearing to a close, but it was found necessary at that hour to adjourn.

Following on his own testimony that the subject of all the conversations he had with Haynes and the Chinese Police Reservist was about oil, and not morphia, Christie was still being cross-examined by the Director of Criminal Intelligence when the case was resumed yesterday afternoon.

When you told Mr. Leask that you were acting on behalf of Blumh in oil conversations or oil business, were you acting as a partner in the Oil Company, or just because Blumh could not do it himself?—I was acting as partner for anything placed by myself. The oil propositions in Hongkong dated from the beginning of October, but Blumh was in communication by letter in Swatow before that.

When did you begin to use the office at No. 480 Nathan Road?—Beginning of November, sometime. Could not you remember the exact date?—Sometime in the beginning of November, the 1st or 2nd November, I am not sure.

Did you have any sign or name-board at that address?—Nothing put up there in the meantime at all; no.

I think you will agree with me that the only sign was a Chinese sign?—Yes.

Nothing to indicate the oil business at all?—No; for the simple reason that the oil business had not been established.

How did you manage to get the use of that office?—I was introduced to Mr. Kay (Karim Din) on my return from Macao, through Blumh. He was introduced to Mr. Blumh by Mr. Khan Sahib Mali Khan.

Did you pay any rent?—No, we had only got in there a few days.

Why couldn't you carry on that business temporarily either at Victoria Gardens or at Mali Khan's address of business?—At Mali Khan's coffee shop, soldiers were coming in and going out continuously. No. 5 Victoria Gardens was a residence where we were living, and could not very well be used for business.

Did you have Mali Khan's permission to use his address of "Khan Sahib"?—Absolutely. In fact I got money by means of a letter registered at this address, from his manager, Karim Chand. Has Karim Chand any share in the business?—That I don't know. Did you know Karim Chand in Shanghai or Swatow?—No. You were in Macao about October 21?—Yes.

A Letter from "Sonsky."

Where did you stay in Macao?—at the Boa Vista Hotel.

Mr. King at this stage produced a letter which he handed to Christie with the question: That letter in that envelope is addressed to the Macao Hotel. It was returned through the Dead Letter Office. Would you accept that as a letter addressed to yourself?—Yes, I would accept that letter as addressed to myself.

Do you recognize the handwriting?—Yes, it is Blumh's writing. Would you look at the signature?—Yes.

What is it?—"Sonsky."

And the date of that letter?—October 21.

Mr. King then put in a second letter, which he explained was addressed to the Macao Hotel, but having been returned, undelivered, through the Dead Letter Office, was like the first, sent to him by the Post Master General. There was also a third letter which was returned the same way.

Christie: There is just one thing I want to say before Mr.

King puts more questions. I want to state that none of these letters were in my possession at any time, and that this is the first time I know of these.

Mr. King agreed, and handed to Christie the second letter.

I think that same letter has the same signature of "Sonsky"? And it was dated the 22nd, Hongkong?—Yes.

The "Fat Nigger."

Mr. King then read a passage from the second letter: "I hope you reached the place all right. Could not meet the fat nigger, but I made him all right now." Mr. King asked Christie if he could explain what that meant.

Christie: I have not the slightest idea.

Mr. King: I put it to you that it referred to Khan Sahib Mali Khan?—I don't know who is referred to.

Mr. Lindsell: You mean you received three letters from Blumh without knowing what certain passages meant?—I did not know who was meant by the "fat nigger." I did not meet Mali Khan until I returned from Macao.

You suggest Blumh had written you a letter which you did not understand?—I did not know the meaning of the term "fat nigger."

Mr. King then read another passage from the letter from Blumh to Christie which stated that the "fat nigger" was good for plum pudding and not for business.

Christie said that he understood

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by "fat nigger" that Khan Sahib Mali Khan was meant.

Mr. King: I have another letter addressed to Victoria View which came in after you were arrested. It is from Swatow and bears Blumh's name on the outside, with a cover addressed to you.

Christie after looking at the letter said that it came from a man named Wacker.

The last second paragraph of this letter, which Mr. King read in Court was as follows: "I met the other day and she told me that she saw you in Hongkong on the 28th of last month. How is that possible? Were you not at that time down South. I was so perplexed, I did not know what to say—By a small thing like this one gets into a hole without knowing how."

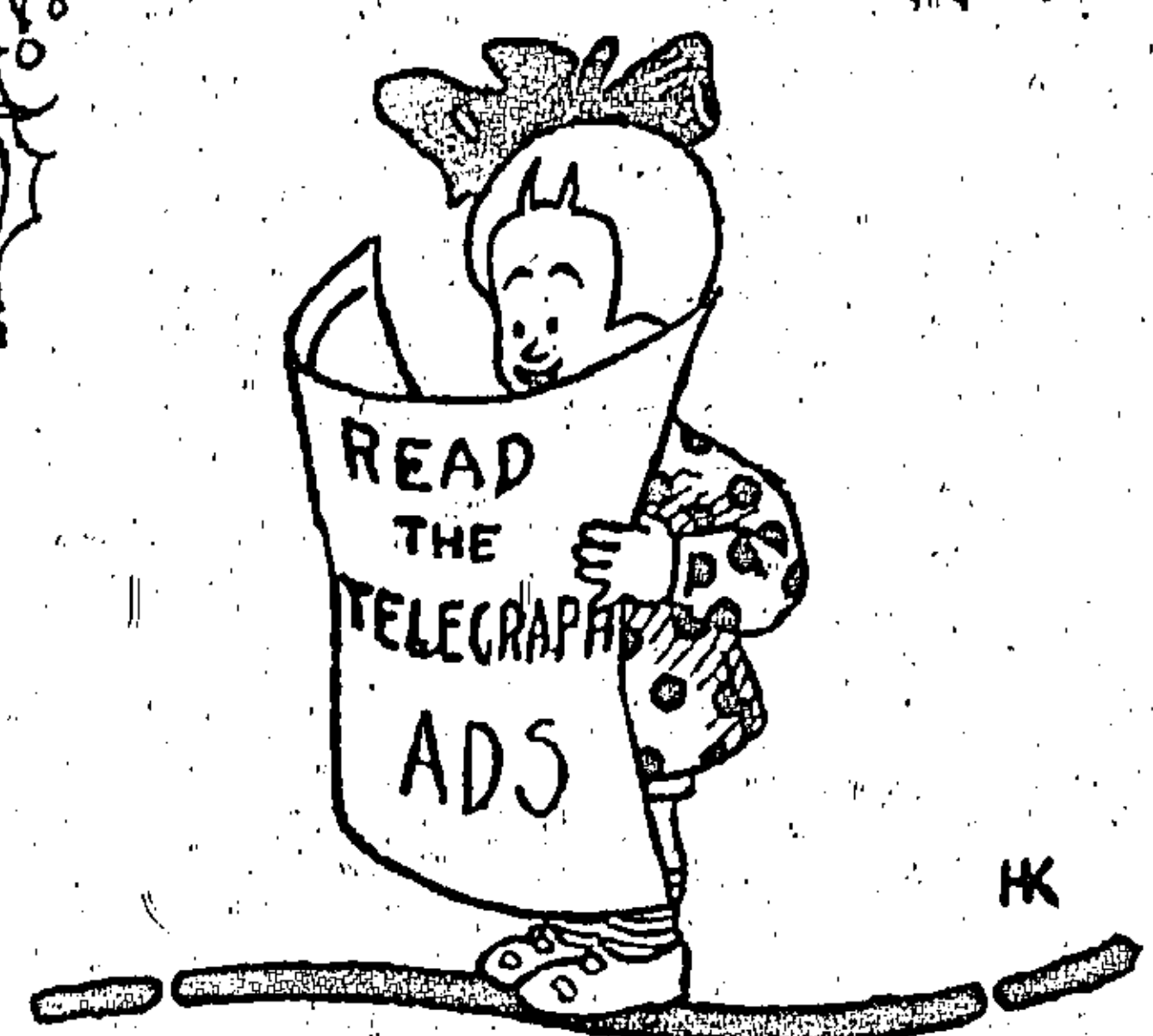
Proceeding with the cross-examination, Mr. King asked why it was, if Blumh was conducting the oil business, that witness received the \$300 instead of Blumh. Christie replied that he signed the receipt and further that he was going to stay in Hongkong to complete the deal while Blumh was to go to Shanghai.

Christie, in answer to further questions, said that Blumh had to go to Shanghai to get better prices. He disagreed with Mr. King that it would have been more expeditious to get the oil down to Hongkong by cable.

Mr. Lindsell: I understand you wanted one consignment; why

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A group of spectators, including two very young members of Shanghai's sporting society, snapped at the first hunt of the season held there recently.

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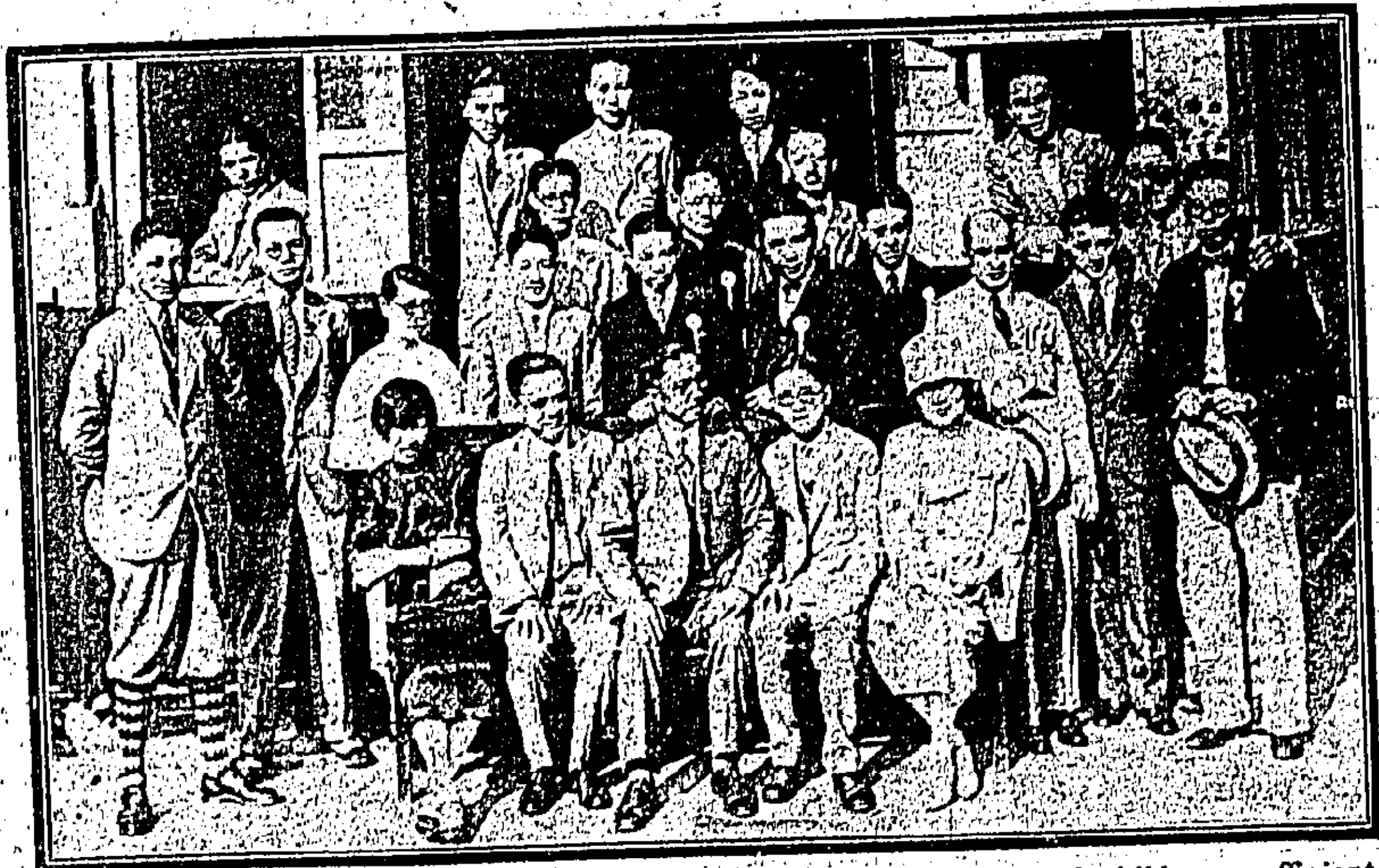
The wedding of Mr. Percival T. Goffe, a popular sergeant of the Shanghai Municipal Police, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Goffe, of Hook, Hants., and Valerie B. O. Roth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Valentin Roth of Shanghai, took place at Holy Trinity Cathedral on Saturday week. The best man was Mr. J. Taplin, and the bridesmaids Miss Blanche Mudes and Miss Tony Robbins.



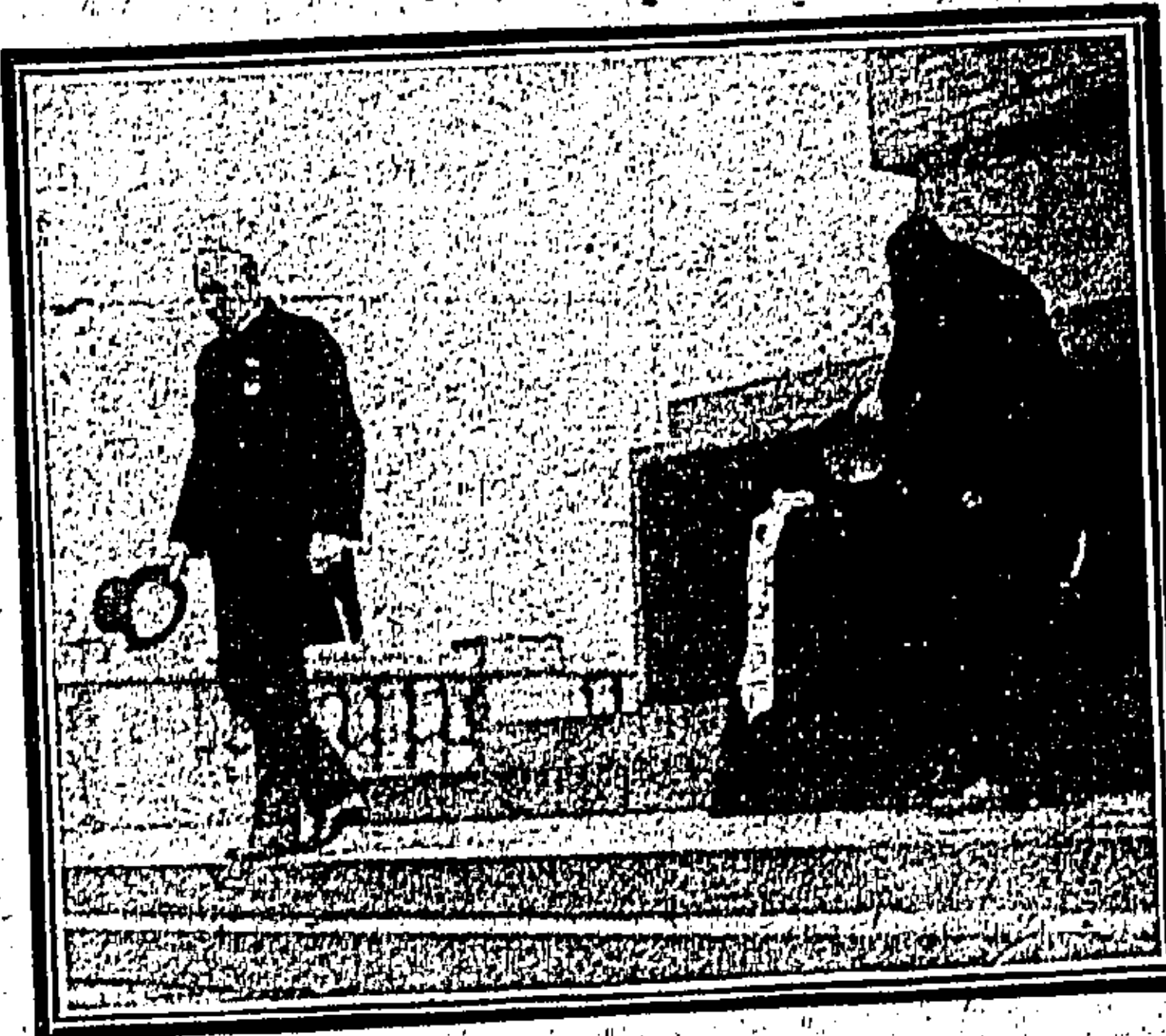
Princess Victoria, of Schaumburg-Lippe, sister of the German ex-kaiser, who recently married Alexander Zoubkoff, a Russian, in Berlin.



A reception was held recently at Union Church Hall to welcome back to Shanghai the Rev. and Mrs. E. F. Borst-Smith and to say farewell to Dr. and Mrs. Henry Fowler. A large number of friends and members of Union Church congregation were present.



The Y's Men's Chapel Baby Clinic is open for the free treatment of children, sufficient funds having been raised by the Chinese Fashion Show, held some months ago to carry on this service for the next four years with the voluntary help of nine physicians. On an average, 25 children are treated daily and given free medicine.



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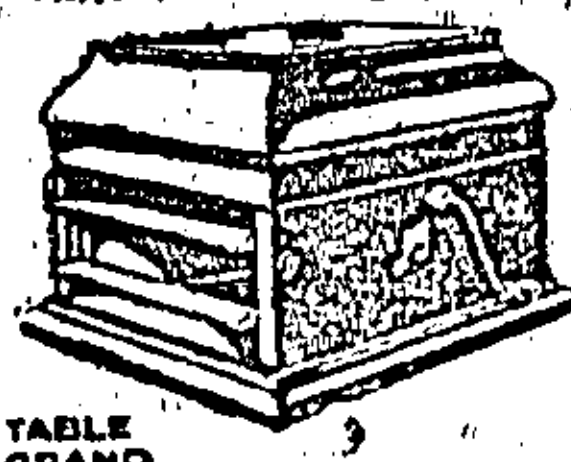


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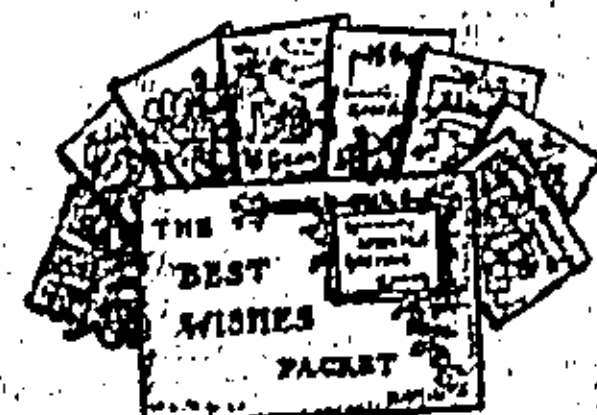
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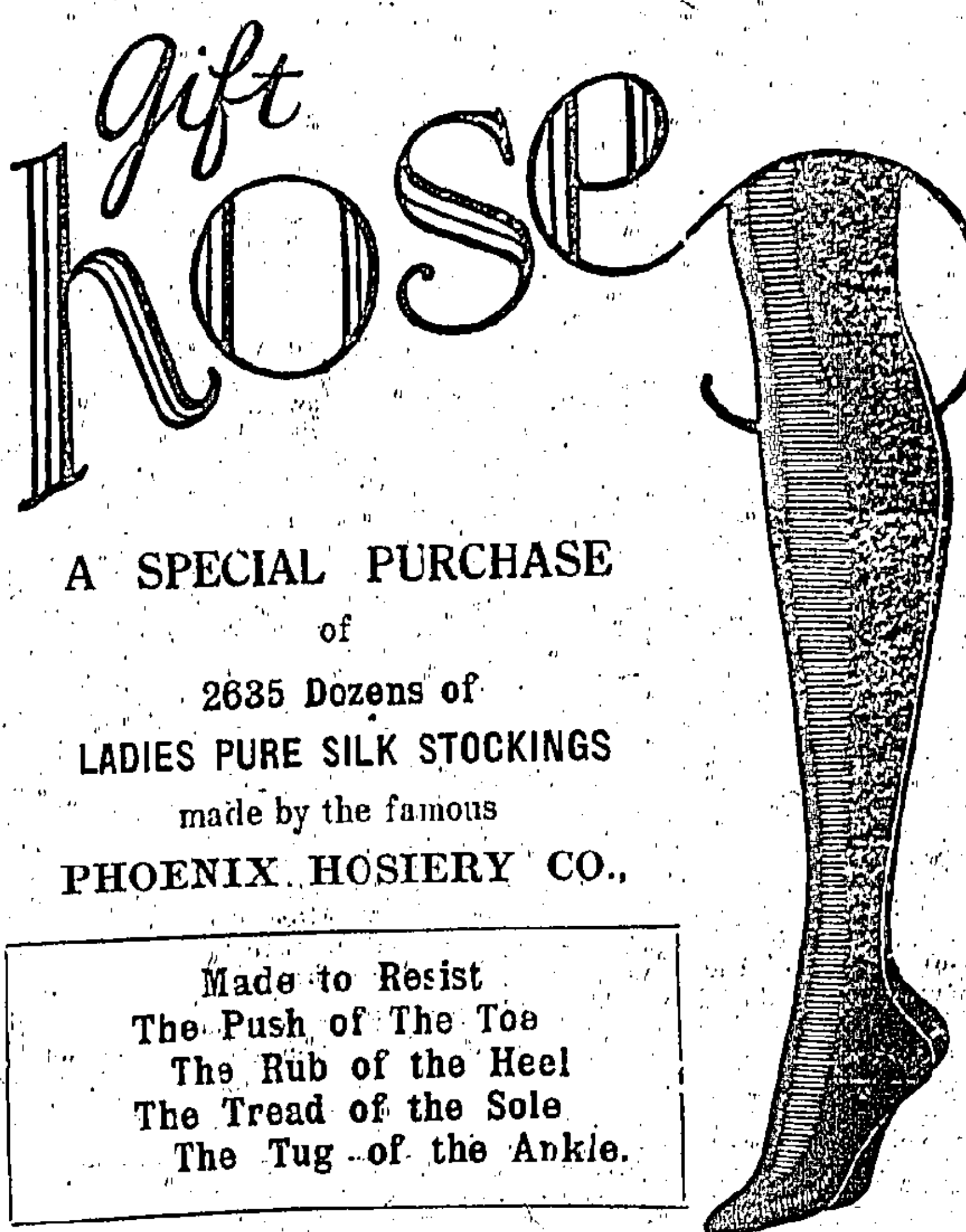
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COST OF SHANGHAI FORCE.

(Continued from Page 1.)

had kept the United States, Japan, France and Italy aware of every development in our policy for the past two years and we had done our best to harmonise the views. This meant that the slowest set the pace and we were at present co-operating with the chief Powers at Peking with hopeful prospects with regard to the Bias Bay pirates. He pointed out the impracticability of referring the question of China to the League and said that at present the position in China appeared to be worse than a few months ago owing to the number of conflicting leaders and the changing, shifting scene. He accentuated the difficulties of our attempts to negotiate, and therefore the only solution was patience. We would withdraw the troops directly some kind of order was evolved and some sort of Government able to exercise some kind of control.

Washington Treaty.

Mr. Locker-Lampson disagreed with the suggestion that we ought to have a special agreement with Japan to settle the Chinese problem, for that would be contrary to the Washington Four-Power Treaty, and the other Washington Powers would have a justifiable grievance. We were prepared to grant China tariff autonomy and we had already granted her the Washington surtaxes, despite the opposition of practically all the Powers, especially Japan. We were prepared to surrender Weihaiwei directly we got somebody to negotiate with. The agreement had already been drawn up and we were simply waiting for an established authority to which to hand it.

Commodore King, in winding up the debate, said that when the reductions were completed, the troops would not exceed 13,000.

The estimate was adopted by 242 votes to 103.—*Reuter.*

Eight Battalions.

In the course of his speech, Commodore King, Financial Secretary to the War Office, giving details of the composition of the Force which was sent to China, said that when the decreases which were decided on in July had taken effect the strength of the force remaining in China, in addition to the garrison, would be eight infantry battalions, of which five would be stationed at

U. S. NAVAL PROGRAMME.

BRITAIN NOT TO ALTER DECISION.

London, Dec. 14.

In the House of Commons, replying to a question as regards the contemplated expansion of the American Navy, Mr. Bridgeman said he found that President Coolidge's recent statement did not contain grounds for departing from the British decision to postpone the construction of two cruisers.—*Reuter.*

A Big Programme.

Washington, Dec. 14.

Mr. Wilbur has transmitted to Congress his five-year Naval Building programme which is to cost over \$700,000,000 and includes 25 light cruisers, 32 submarines, nine destroyer-leaders and five air craft carriers.

President Coolidge, in the event of an international conference for naval limitation would authorise the suspension of the construction. Mr. Wilbur estimates that the light cruisers will each cost \$17,000,000 (gold), the destroyer leaders and submarines \$5,000,000 each, and aircraft carriers \$19,000,000.—*Reuter's American Service.*

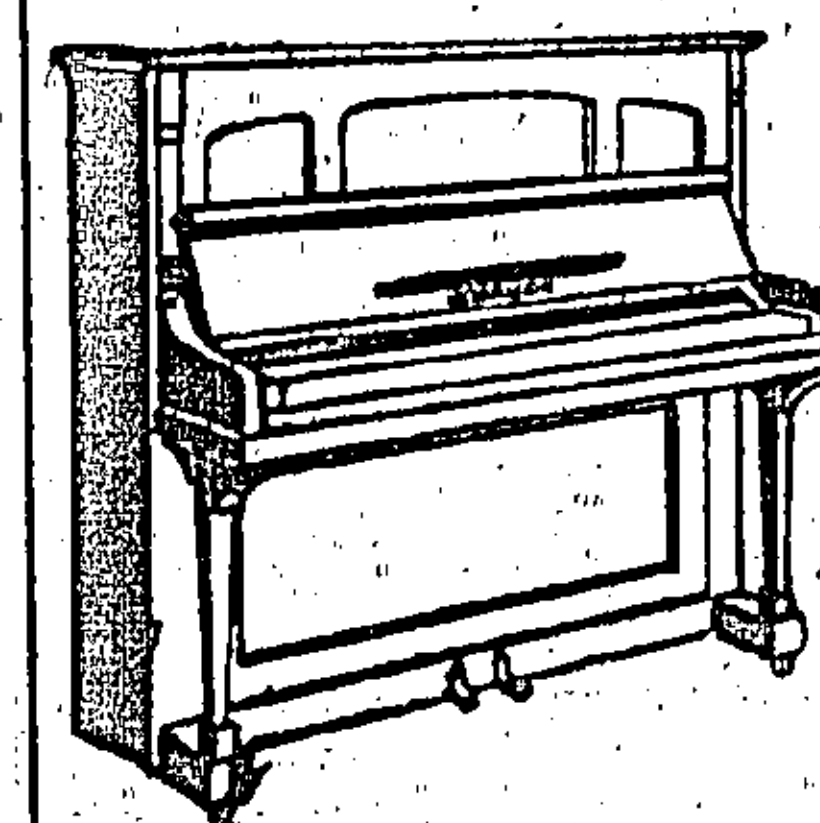
Shanghai, with the addition of supporting artillery and auxiliaries. It was impossible to forecast the future but conditions were always being carefully watched.

The whole force could not be removed until a government in China could assure us that it was both able and willing to give adequate protection to our nationals.

In dealing with riots and civil commotion the troops, under difficult conditions, had acted with the greatest tact and restraint and had lived up to the very highest traditions of the British Army. Despite imperfect living conditions and few opportunities for training and recreation, the discipline of the troops had been excellent and their conduct most exemplary. The health of the troops had on the whole been satisfactory with the exception of an outbreak of pneumonia in the earlier months of occupation.—*British Wireless.*

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NEW GOVERNOR.

CHOICE FOR THE PHILIPPINES.

Mr. Henry L. Stimson has been appointed Governor-General of the Philippines—*Reuter's American Service.*

Mr. Henry Lewis Stimson, a former Secretary for War, was born at New York in 1867, and is thus in his 61st year. After passing through Yale and Harvard, he took up the study of law, and entered the Harvard Law School, where he studied from 1889 to 1890, being admitted to the bar in 1891. He became a member of the law firm of Root, Clark in 1893, afterwards becoming a partner.

Appointed U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of New York in 1900, he held that post for three years, and in 1910 stood as Republican candidate for the Governorship of New York, being unsuccessful. He was made Secretary of War in President Taft's Cabinet in May, 1911, which position he held for some time, later entering largely into the public life of his country.

He holds various offices in legal and other associations and belongs to the Century Club, among others.

Mr. Stimson married, in 1892, Miss Mabel Wellington White, of New Haven.

His appointment to the much-discussed Governor-Generalship will probably come as a surprise to the majority of those who have been speculating on the chances of various candidates, among whom we do not recollect seeing his name mentioned as a probable choice.

LAURA LA PLANTE.

"BEWARE OF WIDOWS" AT THE WORLD.

How stars are more popular in Hongkong than Laura La Plante, the heroine of "The Cat and the Canary" and a dozen comedies. Hence the pleasure that will be felt at her return to the Colony this week in a new farce, "Beware of Widows," which will be screened at the World Theatre from Thursday to Saturday.

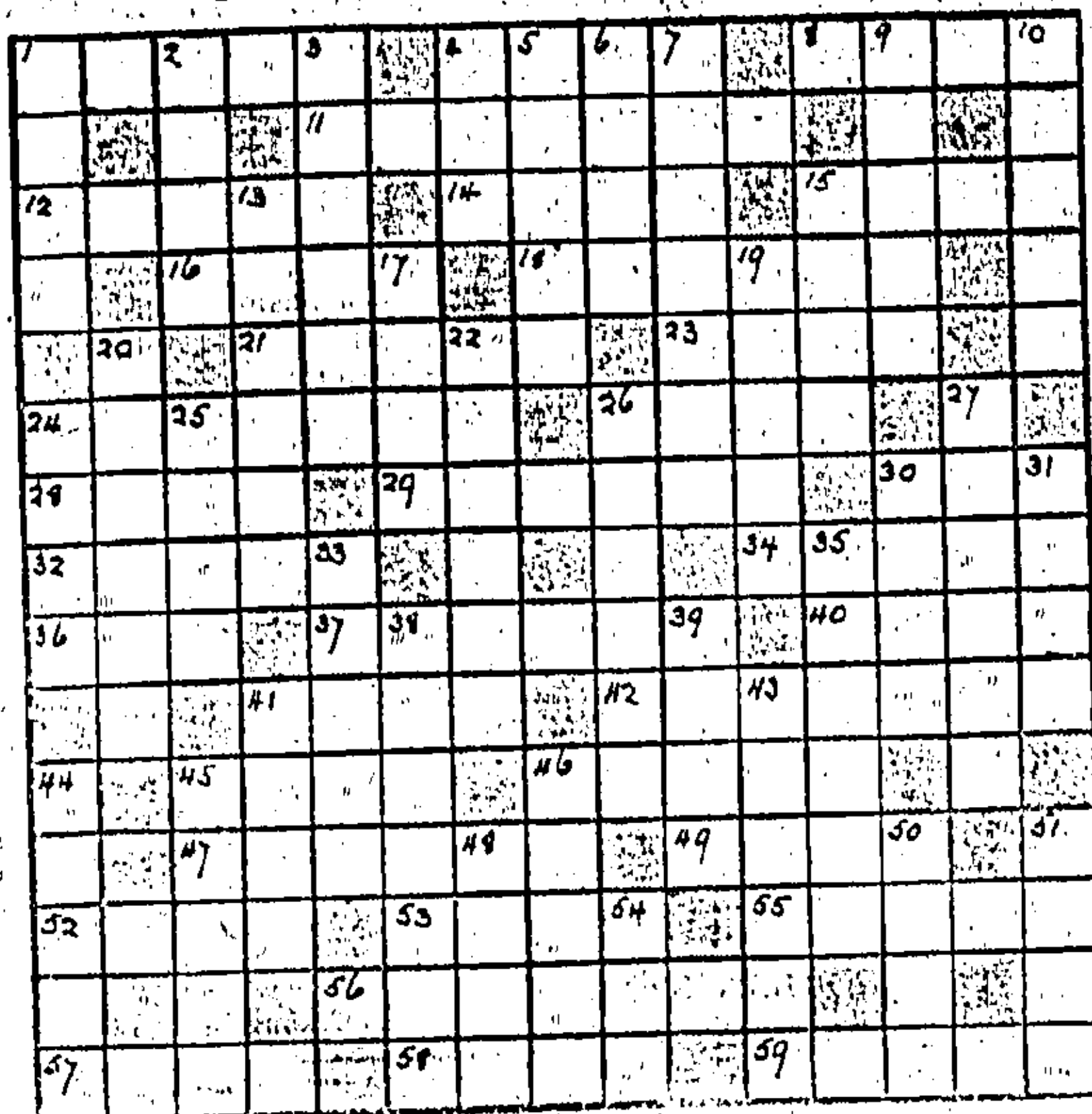
Bryant Washburn, distinguished leading man of the stage and screen, plays the role of the young doctor, fiancé of the dimpled blonde who makes the mistake of serving one of his attractive female patients not wisely but too well. The result is that the indignant bride-to-be denounces him as a polygamist and goes back to her mother.

However, when she sees in the society columns the announcement of the doctor's forthcoming marriage to the charming widow whose wiles were responsible for her shattered romance, she realises that she can't live without him and determines, on the eve of the marriage, to snatch him back. The audacious ruse by which she manages to get aboard the honeymoon where the wedding is to take place, and the means she employs in gaining her ends provide the climax to an excellent farce.

"The Old Army Game."

"It's the Old Army Game," which comes to the Star Theatre today as the chief attraction until Saturday, presents W. C. Fields the leading man in "Sally of the Saw Dust" and "That Royle Girl" as a star in his own right, with Louise Brooks as his leading lady. Fields is seen in the role of Florida's drug store keeper and the story deals in part with his adventures when he becomes involved in the operations of a New York real estate dealer, and in part with his unsuccessful efforts to win the hand of his charming assistant who falls in love with the city man, played by George Delavan. "It's the Old Army Game" was produced by Edward Sullivan who made "Behind the Front" and "We're in the Navy Now."

OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE.



Across.

1. Ravel out.
4. In this way.
8. Ornamental knob.
11. Made a mark in.
12. Lodge.
14. Assert.
15. Let it stand.
16. Methods.
18. Entable.
21. Reject with disdain.
23. Generic name of certain plants.
24. The business of catching fish.
26. Molecule.
28. Plant of same order as Lily.
29. Common fruits.
30. Obtain.
32. Long cut.
34. Raise.
36. Obtained from coal.
37. One who has no shadow.
40. Pertaining to wings.
41. The whole.
42. Sure.
45. Seamen.
46. Implied but not expressed in words.
47. Withdraw.
49. Had knowledge.
52. Small British bird.
53. Covered with blood.
55. Avarice.
56. Enigma.
57. Flexible.
58. Snare.
59. Linger.

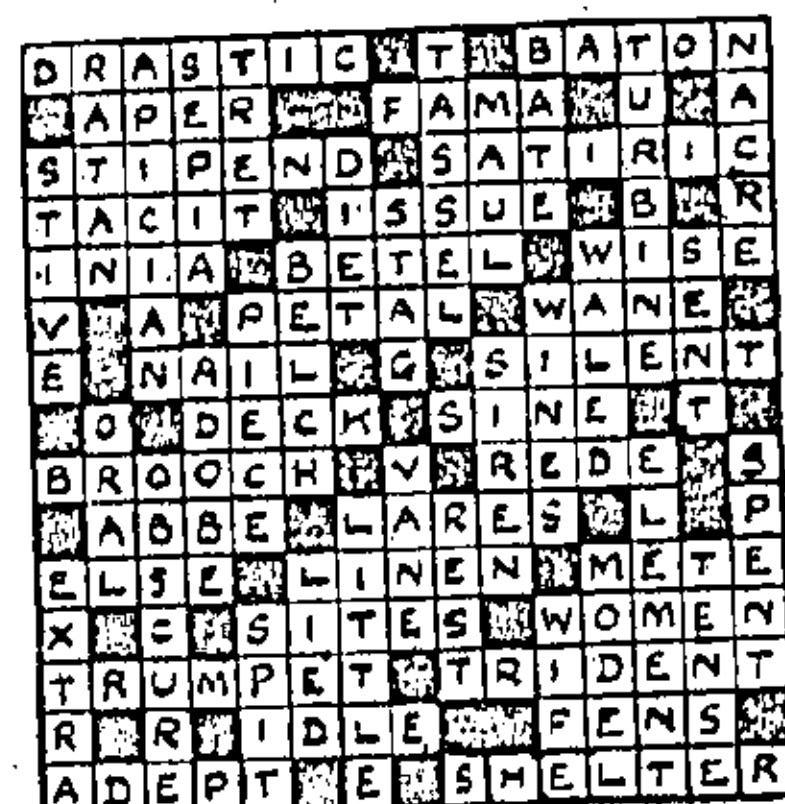
Down.

1. Rage.
2. In a low place.
3. Reproduction.
4. Heritage.
5. Harbour.
6. Employed.
7. Arranged in a series.
9. Tribal badge.

10. As above.

13. Ornamental scarves.
15. Low neighbourhood.
17. Chapter of the Koran.
19. Scotch dish.
20. Column.
22. Pole used for mooring a punt.
24. Quick.
25. Fly aloft.
26. Mammal of camel tribe.
27. Detain.
30. Occasion of public festivity.
31. Bird of the gull family.
33. Frequent.
35. More recent.
38. Artful trick.
39. An isthmus.
41. Part of the verb "to be."
43. Encircled.
44. Precious stone.
45. Fish belonging to the carp family.
46. Earth.
48. Cry out aloud.
50. Not ill.
51. Whirlpool.
54. Yelp.

Yesterday's Solution.



REMARKABLE FILM.

"THE FOUR HORSEMEN" AT THE QUEEN'S

"Crowded audiences gathered at the Queen's Theatre yesterday when "The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse" started its four-day run, and full houses are likely to be the order for the remainder of the showing.

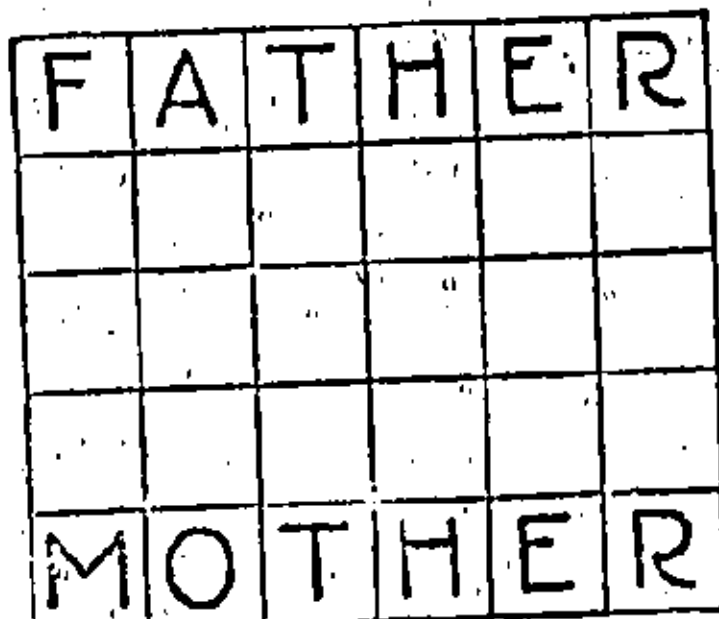
It is several years since this noteworthy film was shown here, and those who saw it again yesterday came away with the impression that it still ranks with the greatest pictures yet produced. In several respects, it is probably the best war film ever put on the screen, and its moral—that war is a ghastly business, entailing needless misery and waste of precious lives—is well driven home. As is known, "The Four Horsemen" was the film which "made" Rudolph Valentino, and, after seeing the picture again, one can understand and appreciate the tremendous impression which he made with his magnetic personality. His acting is remarkably fine throughout, and the same can be said of Alice Terry; whilst all the other principal parts are in very capable hands.

"The Four Horsemen" needs no further commendation. Those who want to see it should make a point of booking early.

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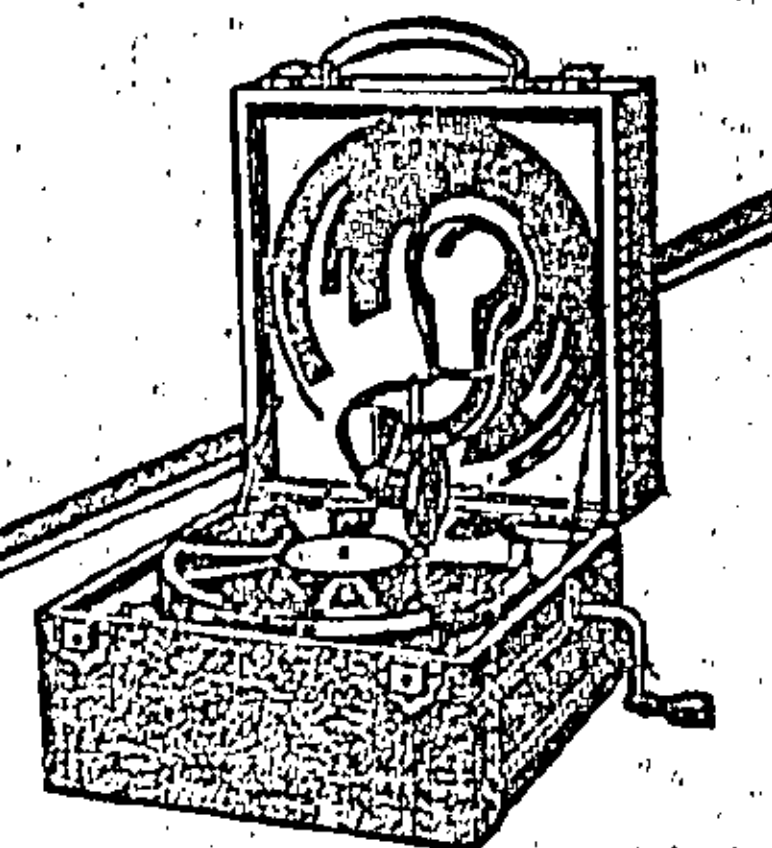
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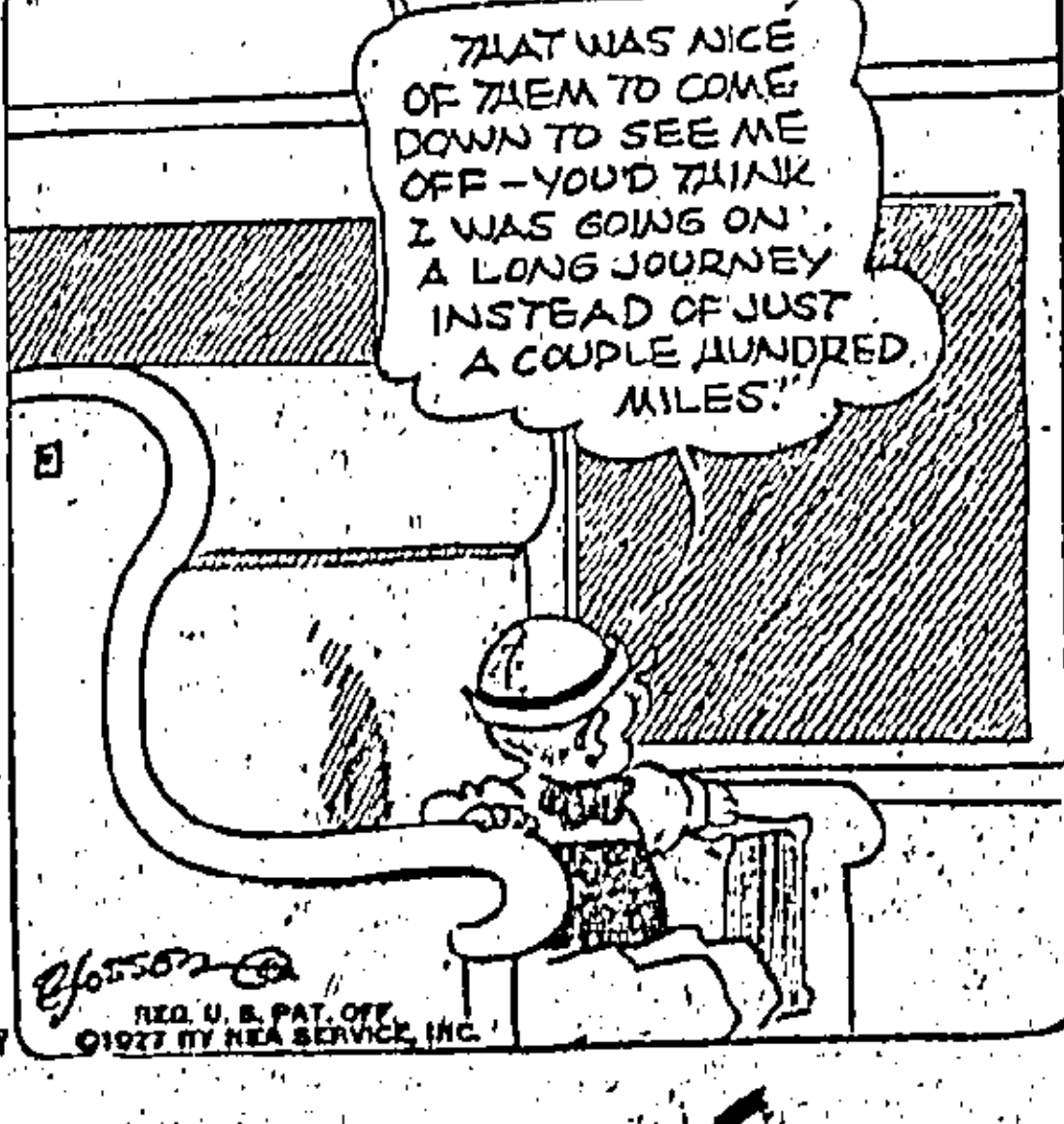
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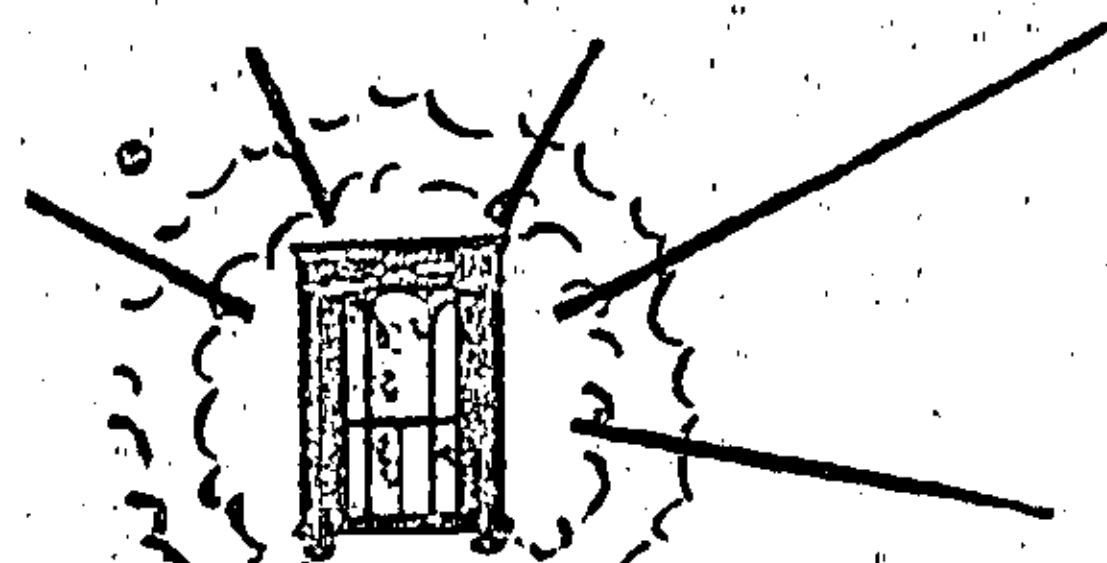
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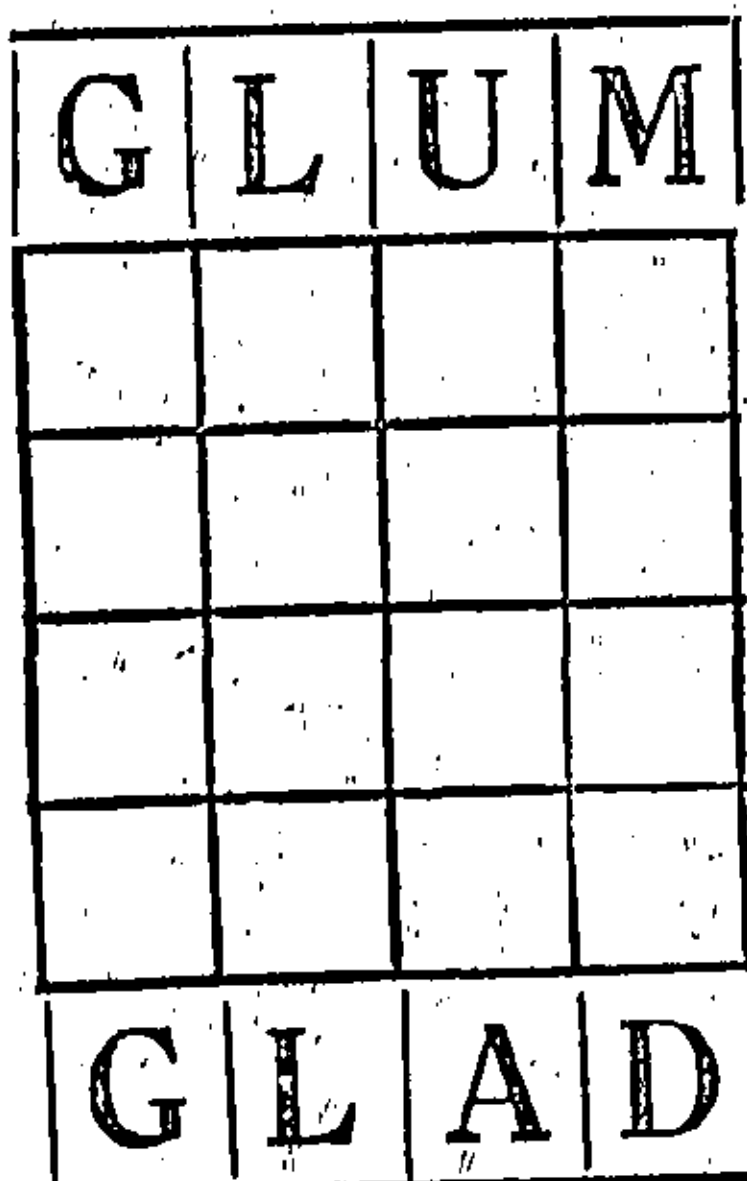


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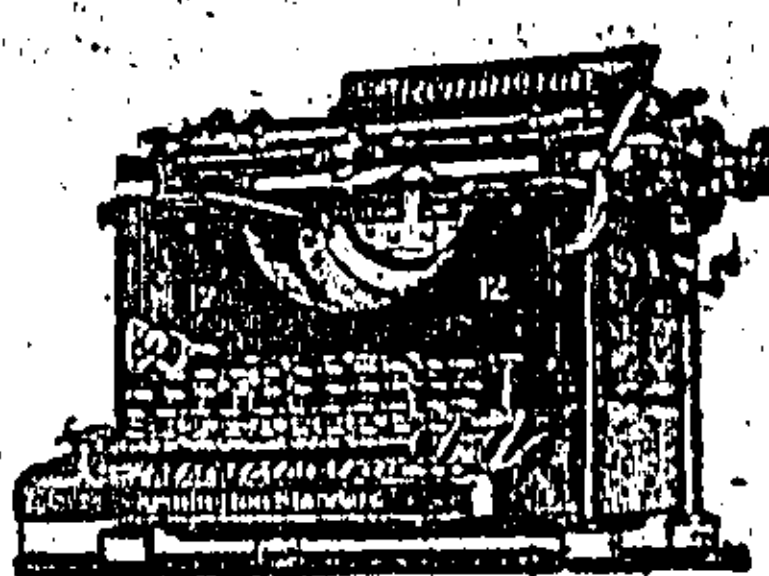
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THURSDAY, DEC. 15, 1927.

THE LESSON OF CANTON.

As was very generally and naturally foreshadowed, the "Communist" regime at Canton has proved to be a short-lived affair. It was unthinkable that a gang of desperadoes and political "scallywags" could continue to hold the city and subject it to a reign of terror in defiance of the opposition of the troops, against a few of whom they had managed to effect a dramatic coup. It was a case of "when the cat's away the mice will play" and it only needed a return of the "cat" and a determined effort on its part to send the mice scurrying away in confusion. But Canton has suffered tremendously by the week-end of terror through which it lived, and it will be a long time before there can be effaced from the minds of the inhabitants the memory of the wholesale pillage, arson and crime committed by the extremists. We would go so far as to say that we hope the memory of this week-end will never be effaced, for it should stand as a constant reminder to the good folk of Canton that extremism, either in politics or anything else, is an evil thing. Following the well-known Bolshevik plan on which it was apparently based, the scheme of the Canton rebels on Sunday last was to rule by the expedient of striking terror into the hearts of all who disagreed with them and by "communising" all services. The rights, property and lives of private individuals counted for naught when these political dreamers and jobbers wanted to get their own way, and the ruthless manner in which property was set on fire, houses and shops invaded and looted, pedestrians held up and robbed must have been an object lesson for the residents of Canton—even those who have witnessed not a few lawless happenings in that city during the course of the years. There is nothing but congratulation to offer to the military and other leaders who so soon and thoroughly cleared out the nest of self-seeking upstarts. One of the most pleasing features, told in our account yesterday, was the way in which certain of the Labour Unions rallied to the help of the authorities and enlisted their services in the task of driving out the "Reds."

There ought to be a very healthy reaction to the Canton turmoil, especially as it was openly declared to be undertaken in furtherance of the Soviet's plans. It is difficult for us here to know just how much real connexion there might have been between the rebels and the Soviet, but it is significant that in all their actions and manifestoes they copied with great faithfulness the ways of Russia. There has been so much dissension caused within the Nationalist ranks and so much bloodshed and strife in China because of its association with political firebrands of Communist hue that the Chinese are possibly thinking that it were well to have as little as possible to do with the Soviet. Proof of that reversion of feeling was forthcoming yesterday in the news that the Nanking Government, through the mouthpiece of Marshal Chiang Kai-shek who has gone back to the fold, has definitely proscribed all Soviet Consulates within the territory under its jurisdiction and has issued orders for all such Consulates to be closed down. It would seem that in Shanghai, at any rate, there is little doubt of Communist connexion with the Canton coup because in making the proscription Marshal Chiang definitely refers to the latest happenings there. Surely, it has been proved over and over again that the Chinese have everything to gain by eschewing the extreme tactics preached by Communism and that the way of progress and improvement lies along the path of steady administrative achievement. No good can come out of terrorist methods, and we hope that this is the lesson which will be learned by the Cantonese as the result of the reign of terror just suffered by the inhabitants of the great southern metropolis.

The Water Question.

Mr. J. P. Braga is to be commended for the efforts he is making to get all available data on the matter of the use of water from Government mains for flushing purposes. He gave notice, at Tuesday's meeting of the Sanitary Board, of a series of questions on the subject, and the public will await with much interest the official replies to these queries. But, eminently desirable as it is to prevent undue wastage of filtered water, Mr. Braga himself will no doubt be the first to admit that any economies effected in this direction would be of little more than immediate avail. In other words, such a method of dealing with our water supply problem would be merely palliative. Going back to first causes, the fact has to be faced that the present sources of supply are not adequate to the Colony's growing needs. We would even go so far as to assert that the present situation ought never to have arisen. If long views had been taken of the whole question, there would have been no necessity for the recurring imposition of restrictions. The great and urgent necessity is the provision of further sources of supply, and that is the problem to which the Government should address itself with boldness and foresight. Incidentally, Mr. Braga has not asked for information concerning the amount of water annually used in the watering of our streets, but we have no doubt that in normal times this is quite considerable. In this connexion, we endorse the suggestion put forward by a contemporary that use should be made of sea water for this specific purpose.

EXCHANGE RATES.

London, Dec. 14.

Paris	124
Brussels	34.90
Amsterdam	12.70 1/2
Berlin	20.44
Copenhagen	18.20
Prague	16.40
Madrid	20.16
Athens	367 1/2
Rio	5.29 1/2
Bombay	1/6 1/16
Hongkong	2/0 3/8
New York	4.88 5/16
Geneva	25.28
Milan	90
Stockholm	18.08
Oslo	18.34 1/2
Helsingfors	19.32
Lisbon	27 1/16
Buenos Aires	790
Shanghai	47 7/8
Yokohama	27 7/8
Silver (spot)	1/10 15/32
Silver (forward)	28 7/8
	28 5/8

—British Wireless.

DAY BY DAY.

WHATEVER CRUSHES INDIVIDUALITY IS DESPOTISM, BY WHATEVER NAME IT MAY BE CALLED.—J. S. MILL.

The local weather forecast up to noon to-morrow is:—"North-east winds, fresh, fair."

The B.I. s.s. Takliwa, which left Singapore on the 13th instant, is due here on the 19th.

Yesterday's health return shows one Chinese case of typhoid. A rabid dog was also reported from the New Territories.

A Chinese who attempted to alight from a moving tramcar received serious injuries to his head yesterday and was removed to the Government Civil Hospital. The accident happened outside the Seamen's Institute.

A Chinese was yesterday injured in the right eye in a peculiar manner. He was struck by a piece of wood which projected from motor lorry No. 365, whilst the vehicle was turning into Tai Wo Street. The injured man was later removed to hospital.

Amongst the passengers who arrived from Home by the Blue Funnel liner Antenor to-day were Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Sherry, Lieut. Col. and Mrs. T. A. Robertson, Mr. R. E. Greensmith, Capt. and Mrs. Riggs, Mrs. C. R. Shaw, Miss Shaw, and Mr. and Mrs. N. M. Currie.

The Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies (the Hon. Mr. W. G. A. Ormsby-Gore), is expected to arrive in Malaya next March or April and will spend several weeks in the country. Details of the Malayan tour are not yet available, and it is not known whether Mr. Ormsby-Gore will visit other Colonies en route.

On a charge of trespassing in the cells at the Yaumati Police Station, a Chinese was fined \$10, or 14 days' hard labour, by Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning. The defendant, who said that he had gone to see his brother, was stated to have been found speaking to prisoners under detention.

Members of the St. Peter's Church Young Men's Club will on Monday evening debate the motion "That Young Men and Women are Less Serious To-day than 25 Years Ago." Capt. J. Charnock, B.A., will move the resolution, seconded by Mrs. J. Fild, whilst Miss E. Couch will oppose, seconded by Mr. C. K. Ong, of Hongkong University.

A test case was brought at Penang last week against Ahmed bin Mastan for having ornamental headlights on the front of his car. An inspector stated that the D.P.P. had given him a ruling that this constituted an offence. The Magistrate inflicted a fine of five dollars and advised the defendant not to make his car look like a firework display.

Two summonses taken out against Mr. A. Rossini, of No. 311, Nathan Road, charging the defendant with keeping two chow dogs without licences, were again called at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning when it was stated that the defendant who had failed to answer the charges last week, had left his former residence and could not be located. He had, however, taken out licences for the two dogs. The summonses were therefore withdrawn.

A young Chinese appeared before Mr. W. Schofield, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, on a charge of burglary at No. 190, Kowloon City Road, the quarters of Sanitary Board coolies. Evidence was given of the arrest of the defendant inside the house in the act of removing a rattan basket, containing clothing, belonging to one of the coolies. His Worship said there was insufficient evidence of burglary, and convicted the defendant on a charge of larceny. Sentence of three months' hard labour was imposed, the defendant having two previous convictions.

"MERRIE ENGLAND"

YESTERDAY'S MATINEE PERFORMANCE.

Children formed a good percentage of the audience at yesterday's successful matinee performance by the Hongkong Philharmonic Society of "Merrie England". All the principals were in good voice, and though sometimes the orchestra had a bent towards interpretation of German's score rather than directing his efforts towards successful accompaniment, an extremely enjoyable show was given. Eng. Comdr. Bedells was again the outstanding artiste.

MUSICAL JOTTINGS.

[By "Allegro."]

It is more than eight months since these Jottings last appeared, but they will now be resumed regularly, a new feature being the regular announcement of Messrs. Chappell's and Messrs. Elkins' latest publications. Apart from local topics, matters of general interest will be dealt with as before.

In local musical affairs, one of the first things that strikes the returned wanderer after a lengthy absence are the innovations at the winter season fortnightly (or monthly) Musicales at the Helena May Institute. These homely concerts have long represented almost the only effort made locally to foster an interest in "drawing room" music and have consequently received the support of all music-lovers. Instead of having ballad programmes, the concerts this season have been devoted to music of various periods or styles. I am not in a position to judge whether this change has helped to popularise the concerts or not. The audience on the 24th of November, though small, was quite enthusiastic over a most enjoyable programme of romantic music. A superb pianist such as Mrs. Cashman is a most welcome addition to the Colony's instrumental talent. Mr. Braga is developing rapidly as a sympathetic violinist and will, I hope, be heard at more of the Musicales.

Another innovation since the Spring—and a welcome one, too—is the stocking by Messrs. Moutrie of a certain number of His Master's Voice records from England, in addition to the Victrola ones from America. "H.M.V." are producing so many famous works unobtainable from the Victrola Company that the demand for their records should increase and justify the dealers' enterprise in bringing out a selection of them. A particularly good one is of Moiseiwitch playing four of Chopin's Studies.

The Hongkong Philharmonic Society deserve great credit for successfully tackling such a difficult production as "Merrie England," which many similar amateur societies at Home would consider quite beyond their power to produce. I have not yet seen the show, but that it is successful is obvious from the unanimous reception of the Press and the private comments made upon it. People give especial praise to the conductor and orchestra, who have not always been the recipient of bouquets.

Chappell & Co's new issues of songs usually contain compositions from Montague Phillips, Hermann Lohr, Haydn Wood and Eric Coates, four well-known ballad writers. Of these songs just issued, "Sunlakes," of Montague Phillips, takes pride of place. There is something original about this composer, and his accompaniments are a delight to the pianist—not that the voice is in any way overshadowed, but the harmonising and arrangement are thoroughly pianistic. "Sunlakes" is on a par with his "Sea Echoes" and makes a dainty concert item. "Camel Bells," by Lohr, as the name implies, has a "Chu Chin Chow" touch about it and thus rises above the ordinary type of two-verse ballad. In "The Dreams of London," by Eric Coates, we have a melody and accompaniment, which are marred by the words. "Cheap-side," "Fleet Street" and "Trafalgar Square" remind one of certain popular wartime ditties, but do not somehow fit into a sentimental song about dreams!

It was very gratifying to note this summer that the Queen's Hall Promenade Concerts, of which the existence had been seriously threatened, received enthusiastically support. They were run by the B.B.C. instead of by Chappell's, and it was feared in some quarters that the fact of their being broadcasted would interfere with the number of people attending them, whereas full attendances were necessary to secure sufficient financial support. Never have I seen "Proms" so well patronised, nor such keenness displayed by the audiences, and it seems safe to count upon their continuance.

A robbery with violence has been reported from Yaumati, where two men forced their way into the first floor of No. 9 Tung On New Street and later got away with jewellery and money valued at over \$100. The robbery occurred at two o'clock yesterday afternoon. In a report made to the local police station it is stated that two women who were the only tenants inside the floor at the time, were the victims.

DYNAMITE IN PRIVATE HOUSE.

A DANGEROUS ACT.

Mr. Horace Lo appeared before Mr. W. Schofield, at the Kowloon Magistracy, this morning, to defend the representative of the Chuen Lee Mining Company of Canton, who was charged on remand with removing twenty cases of dynamite and 16,000 detonators from Green Island, to No. 22, Wai-ching Street without a permit and with being in possession of the said dangerous goods at the above address without a permit.

Mr. Lo said that he would plead guilty to the first charge. He understood that where two charges were brought in respect of one offence only one count would be proceeded with, the other being withdrawn.

Continuing Mr. Lo said that the defendant had a permit to remove the goods but he did not know how far that covered the case.

His Worship pointed out that the objection was that the goods were stored in an ordinary dwelling house.

Sergeant Ellis said that the defendant had a permit to remove the dynamite from Green Island to a junk. Actually he had committed a breach of the conditions of that permit.

Mr. Lo said that the offence was a technical one and asked for a nominal fine. He said that the defendant was a stranger to the Colony, he having been asked to take delivery of the goods for the Chuen Lee Co. as he was in Hongkong on business of his own.

Dealing with the incident which led to the summonses being taken out, Mr. Lo said that the defendant went to Green Island in a motor boat to take delivery of the goods but unfortunately he found that the junk on which they were to have been transferred was missing.

After searching for the junk for some time it rained and the defendant, through ignorance, took the dynamite to Wai Ching Street, where they were left whilst he continued the search for the junk.

Mr. Lo intimated that there was no danger of the dynamite exploding, while the detonators were packed carefully in cases stuffed with cotton wool.

Sergeant Ellis said that the house was in a residential quarter and when the premises were visited, workmen were sitting around smoking. If there had been an explosion several lives might have been involved.

His Worship imposed a fine of \$50.

MAGISTRATE AS COMPLAINANT.

THEFT OF DRESS CLOTHES.

Mr. R. E. Lindsell appeared as complainant before Major C. Willson this morning when a Chinese was charged with the theft of a rattan basket containing evening clothes and certain articles of jewellery from motor car No. 1880 on December 8th.

Another man was at the same time charged with receiving the stolen goods, knowing them to be stolen.

Giving evidence, Mr. Lindsell said he left the clothes in his car, which was parked close to the Star Ferry wharf at 5 p.m. and on returning to the car, two hours later, he found the basket which contained the clothes was missing. He identified two pieces of jade as being from his cuff links.

Evidence was given by a buyer of gold drops to the effect that the second defendant, who was charged with receiving, sold him a small quantity of gold on November 9.

The first defendant, in evidence, said that the second defendant was a goldsmith's assistant and it was to him that he took the stolen cuff links to be melted down.

Major Willson sentenced the men to six weeks and two months respectively.

WOMAN GAGGED.

YAUMATI HOUSE RANSACKED.

A Chinese woman living at No. 2 Tin On San Street, Yaumati, was yesterday the victim of a robbery by violence committed by two men at her house at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

At that hour, she was asleep in her cubicle. The entry of a man awoke her and she asked the intruder what he wanted. He replied that he had come for subscriptions, but before he could explain anything further, another man entered the cubicle and gagged the woman. The two men, having overpowered the woman, then proceeded to ransack the house, taking away with them \$544 in money and jewellery.

When the men left, the woman was too terrified to leave the house and inform the police. Instead, she waited a few hours until the arrival of some relatives, when, after a consultation, the police were notified.

CANTON QUIET.

NANKING TO FIGHT "IRONSIDES."

THE "RED" SLAUGHTER.

Latest Chinese reports from Canton indicate that the city is at present quiet. All "Reds" have been cleared out and "Ironsides" troops, in co-operation with soldiers of General Li Fuk-lum, are having a very busy time in combing out and arresting "Reds," who are still at large inside the city. To assist the Government in restoring order and peace, members of the Kwangtung Labour's General Union, who organised the "White Army," which played a conspicuous part in exterminating the "Reds," have organised picketing corps to raid various boarding houses, restaurants and hotels to round up the "Red" remnants.

Heaps of Corpses.

Many corpses were seen lying outside the Public Safety Bureau, the headquarters of the Canton Police, and it is estimated that the number of men who lost their lives there during the "Red" insurrection was at least 300.

At Chong Chin Street, Nam-kwan, a heap of dead bodies, about thirty in number, was seen lying in the open air on Tuesday afternoon. Outside the quiet Great Buddha Temple, thirty corpses were seen lying outside the very door, at which place a skirmish between the "Ironsides" and "Reds" is believed to have taken place. In many other streets corpses were to be seen lying about, and it is certain that great loss of life took place during the fighting.

A Tragic Incident.

Professor and Mrs. Shum Choshan, of the Sun Yat-sen University were among the hundreds of unfortunate people who perished during the "Reds' Reign of Terror." The late Professor, Shum was known for his moderate views, and early on Monday, a party of "Red" rebels broke into the residence of the Professor at the Kwong Yan Road and dragged him and his wife out into the road. The "Reds" then fired several shots at the couple murdering them in cold blood.

Among other well-known people killed were Mr. Cheung Or-tung, Mr. Li Chak-ning, and Mr. Chin Kwan-ning.

"MOORHENS" RESCUE.

A.P.C. Launch Assists.

Mr. W. H. Bell, General Manager of the Asiatic Petroleum Company (South China), Ltd., writes us as follows:

"With reference to the transfer of foreigners from Tungshan to Shamen by H.M.S. Moorhen on the 12th instant, it will no doubt interest your readers to know that this Company's motor boat Seung-kong accompanied H.M.S. Moorhen to assist in the transfer. The motor boat was manned by its usual Chinese crew, but was in charge of a member of our staff, Mr. W. G. Gerrard. The boat was fired on and was hit several times, the petrol pipe being pierced and the armour plate dented in several places. Luckily, however, no-one was hit.

"Mr. Gerrard is well known in Hongkong, as he is the son of Assistant Superintendent Gerrard of the Police, who has been in Hongkong for so many years."

AGAINST "IRONSIDES."

A Nanking Expedition.

Shanghai, Dec. 15.

The Nanking Government has decided to carry out a punitive expedition against the "Ironsides," and General Li Chai-sum, who has been appointed as field marshal, will take charge of the expedition. It is reported that General Li has left for Nanking to arrange plans for the campaign.—*Nam Chung Pao.*

WANG CHING-WEI.

Cables to Chang Fat-kwai.

Shanghai, Dec. 15.

Owing to the unfavourable feeling which has been demonstrated against him by the Nanking leaders, Mr. Wang Ching-wei has sent a telegram to General Chang Fat-kwai, the "Ironsides" Commander, informing him that a Rehabilitation Committee should be established to maintain order in Canton after the "Red" terror. The members of the Committee should include delegates from all public organisations, in order to consider the proper punishment for the arrested "Reds" and to rescue the victims of the recent terror in Canton.—*Nam Chung Pao.*

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UNSETTLED OUTLOOK AT SWATOW.

WAITING FOR GENERAL LI CHAI-SUM.

POSTAL INCIDENT.

(Our Own Correspondent.)

Swatow, Dec. 12.

The banners of welcome to General Li Chai-sum still flap in the breeze, but the General himself has not yet turned up in Swatow. Five members of the Provincial Committee of the Kuomintang are here, attempting to function; but in the absence of General Li, who by virtue of his Chairmanship of the Committee was the recognised Civil Governor, as well as the military chief of the province, they can do little. They have sent a whip to their colleagues elsewhere, summoning them to a full meeting on the 18th. A member of the Central Committee from Shanghai, Hsiao Fu-cheng, has been welcomed, and has put out an open letter to Wang Ching-wei, asking awkward questions, and indicating a breach with him.

News of "Red" excesses in the Haifung and Lungfong districts is still very fragmentary, but a chapel of the Presbyterian Church at Tungshan, a village near the city of Lungfong, has been burnt, and the preacher, who was a man from the Chaochow region, carried off with others. His name headed the list of prisoners to be executed, and there is little hope that he has escaped that fate.

A disquieting incident has occurred in the Post Office. The Postal Commissioner noticed a clerk with a snapshot of a baby in his cap, and recognised it to be that of the child of an American family whom he knew. Enquiry failed to produce the contents of the letter in which it had been sent. The clerk turned out to be the Military Censor, and was handed over to his officer to be dealt with. The subject of the mail to the deprecations of successive and largely irresponsible censors of this kind causes considerable uneasiness among the foreign community of the port.

"LINDY" IN MEXICO

GIVEN A GREAT WELCOME.

San Antonio (Texas) Dec. 14.

Col. Linbergh arrived at Mexico City concluding his 2,000-mile non-stop flight from Washington in "The Spirit of St. Louis," in which he crossed the Atlantic.

President Calles declared the day as a public holiday.

Detachments of cavalry were posted along the highways before midnight to control the crowds which thronged the route from the Capital to the Valbuena Aerodrome, where President Calles and the whole Cabinet had assembled with foreign Ambassadors to greet the airman.—*Reuter's American Service.*

A Delirious Welcome.

A huge crowd of between 25,000 and 30,000 people were, getting anxious at the Valbuena aerodrome where Lindbergh was still un-sighted 26 hours after he had left Washington. President Calles contemplated sending out aerial searches when "The Spirit of St. Louis" appeared, to the accompaniment of delirious cheering.

A squadron of motor cycle police immediately rushed out to keep the landing place clear, but when the machine landed, after a flight of 27 hours and 10 minutes, thousands swarmed over the ground and overwhelmed the police who with the greatest difficulty kept the crowd from the aeroplane itself.

Col. Linbergh climbed into a motor car, and, with the band playing "The Star Spangled Banner" received President Calles and the United States Ambassador, Mr. Morrow.—*Reuter's American Service.*

[A special message has been received stating that Lindbergh used Mobilol on his 2,000 miles non-stop flight.]

COMMUNISTS IN SINGAPORE.

HEAD TO BE RELEASED.

London, Dec. 14.

In the House of Commons, Sir Frederick Hall asked about the two Japanese communists, Alimin and Moco who were recently arrested in Singapore.

Mr. Ormsby Gore replied that under existing Straits Settlements legislation the men could not be prosecuted and they were accordingly released. Steps were being taken to bring local laws into line with those of Great Britain.—*Reuter.*

Forthcoming weddings announced include that of M. R. P. Dupuy, merchant, Rue St. Peres, Paris, to Miss M. de Vos, journalist, 1 Victoria View, Kowloon.

MARINE ENQUIRY.

SEQUEL TO RECENT COLLISION.

THIS MORNING'S EVIDENCE.

A Marine Court of Enquiry assembled at the Harbour Office at 10.30 this morning to enquire into the circumstances of the collision between s.s. Anjou and s.s. Wing Hung in the West River on November 28.

The composition of the Court was as follows:—Commandr. G. F. Hole, R.N., Harbour Master (President); Lieut. Commandr. Faulkner, H.M.S. Argus; Lieut. Commandr. T. Prichard, R.N.R., master of s.s. Taishan; Capt. R. Dodds, master of s.s. Achilles, and Captain C. A. Mutton, master of s.s. Wing On.

Captain E. P. Smith, of the s.s. Wing Hung, was represented by Mr. G. Vaux, while Captain A. H. Brown, of the s.s. Anjou, was without legal aid.

Mr. Vaux, opening for Captain E. P. Smith, detailed the sailing of the Wing Hung and briefly referred to the facts of the collision.

Capt. Smith's Evidence.

Captain Edwin Paige Smith was then called. He stated that on the night of 27-28th November, he was called by the Chief Officer at about 1.25 a.m. Witness was preparing to go to the bridge when he felt the crash of a collision. Proceeding to the bridge, he saw the s.s. Anjou close to the port bow heading towards the north bank of the channel. The Wing Hung's starboard bow was on the bank and engines were going full astern. The walls were sounded and guards ordered to open the grilles, while the pilot was instructed to call the Anjou by four whistle blasts. The Anjou stood by, but when assistance was requested, she stated that her engines were broken down.

His Worship:—Which engine? Witness:—She did not say. In reply to Captain Mutton, witness said that the reversal of engines had practically no effect and the Wing Hung went ashore at full speed.

His Worship:—What do you estimate full speed? Witness:—About 7½ knots.

Chief Officer's Story.

Chief Officer Scully was then called and stated that the Wing Hung was en route to Wuchow from Hongkong on the night in question and at about 1.30 a.m. was five miles from Kowloon Customs in the Salika Channel. Witness was in charge, with the first pilot doing the navigation. The ship was on the starboard side of the river, about 80 feet from the bank. The Anjou overtook the Wing Hung on the port quarter, sounding two blasts, which witness answered with one, giving the signal for alteration to starboard and permission for the overtaking vessel to pass. This latter statement was made in answer to questions by the President.

The Anjou was about 100 feet clear and continued overtaking. When her stern was in line with the Wing Hung's beam, she suddenly sheared to starboard. Witness ordered port helm. The Anjou continued swinging and in consequence witness ordered full astern, the engines turning over within four or five seconds. Witness then called the captain, while the Anjou closed on the port bow, with the result that a collision occurred. The crash was immediately before the master reached the bridge and the Wing Hung was forced on the north bank, this latter incident, being practically simultaneous with the master's arrival.

Witness heard no hail from the Anjou and from the time of the collision until the Anjou returned to stand by, no communication was made between the two ships. The master then asked the Anjou to give a tow, but a reply was received to the effect that this could not be given, as the engines were broken down. The ship remained ashore for 35 hours.

Questioned by Lieut. Commandr. Faulkner, witness stated that the Wing Hung had three propellers and was drawing 7 feet forward and 11 feet astern, the ships' length being 163 feet.

Lo Lai-sui, the No. 1 pilot on duty at the time of the collision corroborated the statements of previous witness and added that when the Anjou was closing, he called out to her to keep off and she replied that her engines had broken down.

This concluded the evidence for the Wing Hung.

Anjou Captain's Evidence.

Captain A. H. Brown, of the s.s. Anjou, then went into the box and stated that the ship left Wanchow at 1 a.m. on Nov. 28. The Chief Officer relieved witness at that time and the next he knew he was being thrown from his bunk by the force of the collision. Witness proceeded to the bridge where Chief Officer P. Mackenzie and the No. 2 pilot were on duty. He

SHANGHAI TENSION INCREASES.

SIGNS OF ANTI-FOREIGN AGITATION.

REWARDS FOR MURDER.

Shanghai, Dec. 14.

What change has taken place in the strike situation is for the worse. Terrorism is still actively engaged in by the strikers, and handbills of distinctly Communist and anti-foreign character are making their appearance in the streets.

The handbills are being distributed under the direction of the Strike Committee, and they urge that extreme action be taken against the non-strikers, "the running dogs of the capitalists" and even go so far as to issue a scale of rewards for murder or arrest, the payment of which is guaranteed by the Strike Committee.

The Municipal Police are watching the situation carefully.—*Naval Wireless.*

ANGLO-AMERICAN HELP.

China Would Welcome Aid.

New York, Dec. 14.

China having, at least temporarily, spurned Russian influence in her internal affairs, would now welcome the help of Great Britain and America, declared Sir Frederic Whyte, the head of the British delegation to the Honolulu conference, who was banqueting by the Institute of Pacific Relations.

The banker, Mr. Thomas Lamont, who has returned from the East after an endeavour to arrange a Manchurian Railway Loan, presiding, said that those in direct contact with the Chinese believed that their sobriety, common sense and intelligence would finally bring them out of the welter of civil war and banditry. He took no stock of the outcry against foreigners. The British who for decades had poured money into China for the benefit of the community, had been tolerant and patient in face of the destruction of their properties for fear of wounding Chinese susceptibilities. In conclusion he said that "if only our friends the Chinese could compose their differences to the point of jointly inviting the amicable co-operation of foreign interests, Americans, British and Japanese, sinking their national interests, would go a long way in an earnest endeavour to serve the common cause."—*Reuter.*

GERMAN BUDGET.

INCREASE OF SALARIES.

Berlin, Dec. 14.

The Reichstag, by 333 votes to 53, has adopted a Bill increasing the salaries of State officials, pensioners and war veterans.

The Budget is thus augmented by about 325,000,000 marks annually. This is not expected to involve additional taxation, but will be covered by revenue surplus.—*Reuter.*

The remains of the late Mr. Loo Lim-yok have been removed from the pavilion at Macao, in which they had lain since the funeral last July, to Canton for burial at White Cloud Hill on the outskirts of Canton. A large number of friends and members of the family accompanied the bier to its last resting place.

noticed the Wing Hung on the starboard side some 60 to 80 feet from the shore and headed into the north bank. Witness stopped the port engine, which was then going ahead, and allowed the Anjou to pass clear of the Wing Hung by giving starboard helm.

When the Anjou had lost headway, anchor was dropped, for the purpose of standing by. Witness halted the Wing Hung to ascertain the extent of the damage. The Wing Hung replied that she was badly damaged and wished to be towed off. Witness informed the Wing Hung that his engines were broken down and he had no towing facilities.

In reply to the Court, witness gave his draft as 8 feet forward and 8 feet 9 inches, and the length of the ship 154 feet. The starboard engine was broken down for about 15 minutes, according to the engineer's report, but witness had not been informed of this at the time of its incidence. It was repaired almost immediately after the collision.

In reply to further questions, witness was unable to state whether the failure of the starboard engine had contributed to the collision. The relative speeds of the ships involved, it was pointed out by Captain Mutton, would hardly have allowed the Anjou to pass the Wing Hung on one engine.

After further evidence, the Court adjourned until this afternoon.

POLICE ALERT.

SHARP LOOK-OUT FOR AGITATORS.

MANY ARRESTS MADE.

The Hongkong police are still taking all possible precautions to prevent agitators and other bad characters from creating trouble in the Colony, and since our reports of yesterday many more arrests have been made.

As the s.s. Fatsan came into port last night, the scene at the wharf was one of bustling activity. While a pallade of bamboos was erected against the edge of the wharf to guard against the usual onrush of porters on board, the mass of refugees was directed into one channel and allowed to emerge in twos or threes only, for the convenience of the searchers. A large force of regular detectives and Police Reservists supplemented the usual squad of searchers at this point, and as each passenger stepped ashore he or she was subjected to a very thorough search and interrogation.

Many Detained.

The clues which helped the searchers in their task were red scarves on bands, medallions, or Communist literature, also certain marks on passengers' necks or ankles which might have been left by shackles and chains. In this connexion the assistance of the special men from the Canton Bureau of Public Safety who had come down to Hongkong to trace Communists and other offenders, and who shared the work with local officers at the wharf last night, proved extremely useful. They were able to identify quite a large number, as having been associated with "Red" activities at Canton or as having escaped from the Canton prisons when freed by the "Reds." In one case they were called upon to identify a suspect, who was poorly clad, but who revealed that he possessed much riches when a bundle he was hugging was unwrapped. Asked how it came about that he had over \$2,000 on him, the suspect said he was a Canton policeman and was at one time employed at the Provincial Treasury. The Canton police present on the wharf, however, failed to recognise him as a colleague, and he was then taken aside and later conveyed with twenty others to the Central Police Station.

In the recent "Red" attacks on strategic points within Canton City, which included Police Stations amongst other public buildings, it was noteworthy that the assailants were ricksha men—men who had a grudge against the police on account of past incidents, and who, without much persuasion, joined in the massacre of members of the Force. Amongst the number taken into custody at the wharf last night, were six or seven who admitted that they were ricksha men. They had left Canton in a hurry without any personal effects. One man readily stated he had escaped from a Canton gaol.

A Tragic Story.

Tales of widespread executions by the Fukien soldiers of Li Fuk-lum, when they regained the mastery of the situation, were told by the passengers. These summary measures were productive of a number of tragedies, of which the following, as related by an officer of the Fatsan, is typical:—In the 18th Ward of Shupai Po, a patrol of Li Fuk-lum's soldiers yesterday morning, shot down, without any warning, a group of eight men. Three were

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HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

TO-DAY'S QUESTIONS.

The following general knowledge paper has been taken from the *Daily Express*.

Answers, for those who need them, will be found on Page 14 of this issue.

- 1 Who won the Nobel prize for literature for 1927?
- 2 What is the Devil's Tower Skull?
- 3 What is the diameter of the Whispering Gallery at St. Paul's Cathedral?
- 4 How does temperature vary according to the height above sea level?
- 5 How many women police are there in London and the provinces respectively?
- 6 How many persons are now in receipt of war pensions or allowances?
- 7 Who wrote "Cyrano de Bergerac," and by whom was the part first created?
- 8 What ancient tribute in flow of military service is payable every year on November 11?
- 9 Who made the first electrical machine and when?
- 10 Who were the "Brave Men of Egan," whose festival has just been celebrated?
- 11 On what date does "St. Martin's Summer" begin?
- 12 What is a diaphan?

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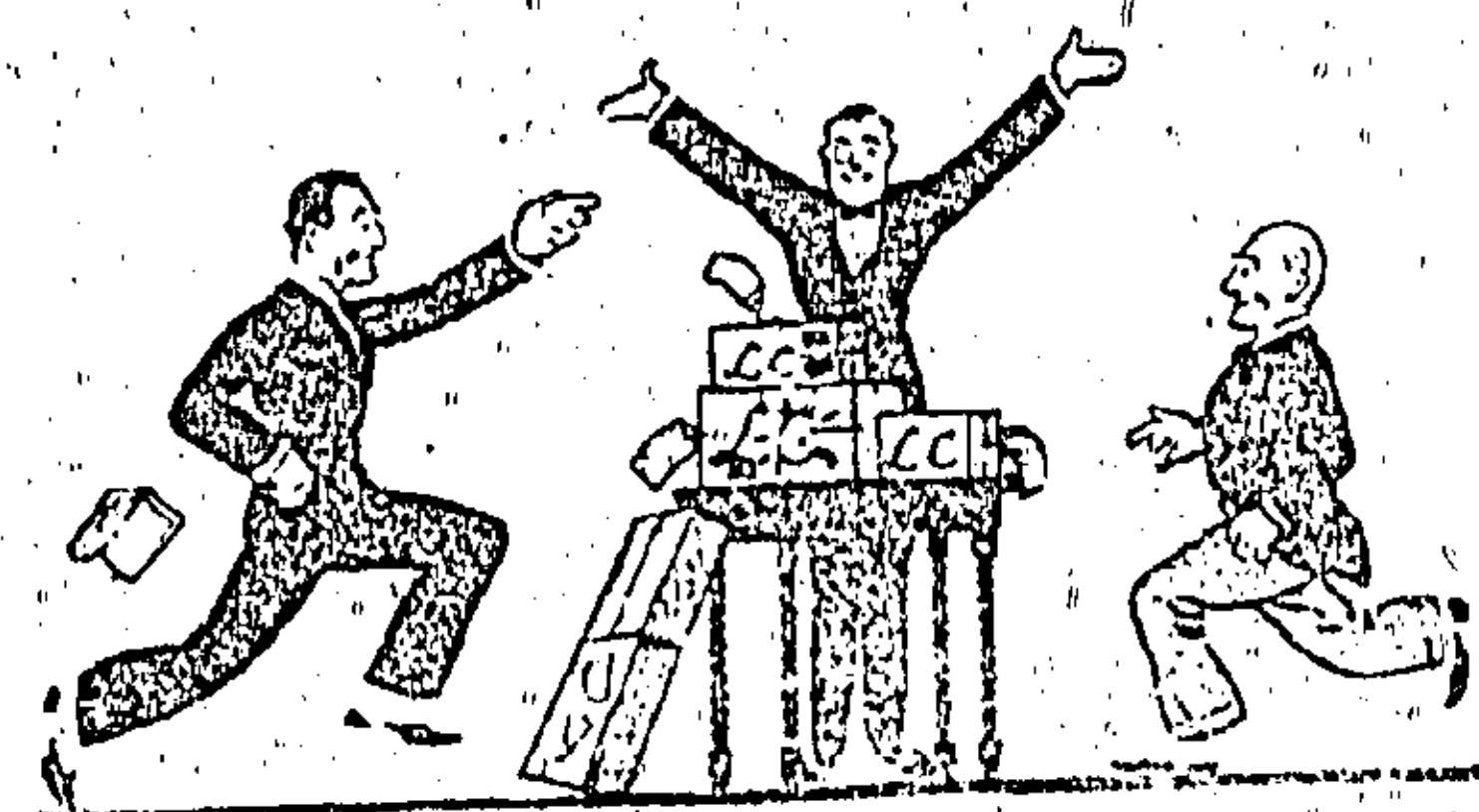
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Results of Raffles not yet Reported. Guessing competitions (Second Trial).—Turkey, number chosen, 21. Five competitors, won by Miss O. Xavier (No. 21). Snacking Pig, number chosen, 26. Two competitors, won by Mr. R. Noronha (No. 31 (nearest)).

Christmas Hampers.

Ticket No. 212, 1st. Backhouse; No. 170, 2nd. Arthur Luz; No. 221, 3rd. A. V. Barros; No. 196, 4th. Doris Lee; No. 167, 5th. H. Rohm; No. 3, 6th. A. W. Ramsay; No. 167, 7th. G. Danenberg; No. 26, 8th. L. Swandson; No. 252, 9th. Young; H.M. Naval Yard; No. 223, 10th. G. C. Remedios; No. 66, 11th. J. W. Morris; No. 166, 12th. Blundell.

Raffles of Doggies.

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1st. "Dorothy" won by Mrs. E. F. Xavier; 2nd. "Ema" won by Simon Tse Yan; 3rd. "Betty" won by Betty Alves.

The gross proceeds of Rose Day and All Fete are expected to amount to \$22,000, of which \$4,317.20 represents the proceeds of the sale of roses. About 13,000 roses were disposed of.

THE WORLD OF SPORT.



SCOTTISH CUP.

DRAWN FOR THE FIRST ROUND.

LEADING CLUBS AWAY.

London, Dec. 14. The draw for the First Round of the Scottish Cup Competition made to-day resulted as follows:

Dumbarton v. Hamilton.
Boith v. Airdrieonians.
Raith Rovers v. Aberdeen.
Alloa Ath. v. Fraserburgh.
Vale O' Leven v. Leith Amateurs.
Glasgow Uni. v. Albion Rovers.
Bathgate v. Celtic.
Brechin v. Lochgelly.
Arthurlie v. Queen's Park.
East Stirling v. Rangers.
Clackmannan v. Third Lanark.
Hearts v. St. Johnstone.
Hibernians v. Dykehead.
Ayr United v. Dykehead.
Morton v. Mid-Annandale.
Civil Service Strollers v. King's Park.
Armadale v. Berwick Rangers.
Cowdenbeath v. Johnstone.
Forfar v. Queen Of South.
Montrose v. Stenhousemuir.
Clydebank v. Dunfermline.
Partick v. Inverness Caledonia.
Vale of Athol v. Newton Stewart.
Arbroath v. Nithsdale Wanderers.
Forres Mech. v. Elgin City.
Stranraer v. Dundee.
Falkirk v. St. Bernard's.
St. Mirren v. Clyde.
Leith Ath. v. Kilmarnock.
East Fife v. Dundee United.
Matches to be played on January 21st, 1928.—*Reuter*.

INTERPORT TRIAL.

VERNON, R.A.F. DOES HAT-TRICK.

In releasing their principal goal-keeper to the Interport Trial Team, the R.A.F. were at a distinct disadvantage in yesterday's match, but gave a useful display, and in losing by four goals to one were by no means disgraced.

Wynne was an absentee from the Interport team, his place being taken by Lai Yuk-tat. Vernon did the "hat-trick" scoring twice in the first half and once in the second, while Suen Kam-shun put through a fourth goal for the Trial team in the second half.

The Chinese Athletic backs, Ng Kam-chuen and Lai Yuk-tat, are asked to fill the rear division in the next trial game to take place on December 24th, and the team as then composed will be difficult to surpass as a representative team.

The opposition will be provided by the Royal Navy and the Hong-kong side will be:

Clarke (Police); Ng Kam-chuen and Lai Yuk-tat (Chinese Ath.); Remedios (Club de Recreio); Sims (Kowloon); Lam Yuk-yung (Chinese Ath.); Tso Kwai-sing (Chinese Ath.); Gosano (Recreio); Vernon (R.A.F.); Suen Kam-shun (Chinese Ath.) and Rev. Alexander, C. F. (K.O.S.B.).

GOOD SWINDON WIN.

CRYSTAL PALACE OUT OF F. A. CUP.

London, Dec. 14. Swindon, who failed to defeat Crystal Palace at Swindon, eliminated the Glaziers from the F. A. Cup Competition in the replay in London to-day. Swindon won by two goals to one, and will be at home to Clapton Orient in the Third Round.

League Match. In the Northern Section of the Third Division to-day, Lincoln City, playing at home, defeated Durham City by two goals to one.—*Reuter*.

VARSITY SOCCER.

BIG WIN BY OXFORD.

London, Dec. 14. Playing at Stamford Bridge in rain and on a treacherous ground, Oxford beat Cambridge in the annual soccer match by six goals to two.

The Oxonians maintained a foothold on the slippery ground better than the Cantabs and their long passes were very effective. A capital pace was kept up throughout the game.

After quarter of an hour's play Valentine scored a goal for Cambridge. Five minutes later Fletcher equalised and then added the third with a stinging shot. At half time the score was 2 goals to one in Oxford's favour.

Two minutes from the resumption, Greenstock, Oxford's outside left, scored with a low cross shot. Two minutes later Valentine

OUR FOOTBALL COMPETITION.

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The "Hongkong Telegraph" offers a prize of \$50 to the readers who send in twelve correct forecasts of the results of the English and Scottish League matches (to be played on Saturday next, December 17th) set out in the Coupon below. No goal scores are required; only forecasts showing wins or draws.

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The competition is in accordance with the rules published in the *Telegraph* during the weeks August 29—September 24.

"HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" FORECAST COMPETITION.

Matches to be played on December 17th:—

DIVISION I.

Bolton W. v. Aston Villa.
Manchester U. v. Arsenal.
Wednesday v. Sunderland.

DIVISION II.

Blackpool v. Barnsley.
Oldham v. Preston N.E.

DIVISION III. (SOUTH).

Brentford v. Charlton.
Bournemouth v. Watford.

DIVISION III. (NORTH).

Barrow v. Wigan.
Chesterfield v. New Brighton.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

Aberdeen v. Motherwell.
Dunfermline v. Hibernians.
Hearts v. Cowdenbeath.

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A WYATT CENTURY.

M. C. C. TEAM IN SOUTH AFRICA.

Johannesburg, Dec. 14. R. E. S. Wyatt, the Warwick amateur, scored a fine net out century against the Transvaal and Natal School XV in a two day match at Johannesburg, completed to-day, the match being left drawn.

Batting first, the M. C. C. compiled 812, Wyatt's contribution being 136 (not out). After the School XV had been dismissed for 199, the tourists had scored 205 for four wickets in their second innings when the stumps were drawn.—*Reuter*.

netted for Cambridge and then Jenkins Lingelbach and Greenstock added goals for Oxford.—*Reuter*.

FORGED CHEQUES.

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dian tour, he was able to pay his travelling expenses as he went along by drawing on the forged balance.

In the East.

Williams turned up in Singapore on November 23rd, when he obtained further sums from the American Express Company by drawing on the forged Letter of Credit. The next stage of his operations was in Hongkong, where, on December 1926, he obtained £450 worth of travellers' cheques and also £50 in local currency. The total drawings on that letter of credit, by the time he left Hongkong, were £1,200, which left him with a forged balance of £300. From Hongkong, his movements covered the North China field, including Peking. There he turned up at the One Hundredth Bank at Yokohama, and drew other monies under the name of A. E. Wilson, and while being escorted out of the country he wrote to the Bank for the balance. The reply to this was duly delivered, but reverted later to the hands of the police escort by whom it was now produced in the Court.

On arrival at Chile, he further exercised his ingenuity on letters of credit, continued counsel, and contemplated another fraud on the National City Bank of New York, and if time had favoured him and not cut short his activities by an early arrest, he would have carried out another operation to the detriment of this Bank.

Many Birthplaces.

Counsel went on to state that accused by the simple process of altering the figures in his drafts, as endorsed on the back of the letter of credit, was able to perpetuate the life of the document by crediting himself, as it was, with the balances. He appeared to have used many names and to have given different places of birth. At one time he was born in Heliopolis in Egypt, at another in Barcelona, Spain, and at another in Canada, where "Quebec" appeared to have you out amongst the various towns given, counsel said.

Counsel next produced stock of exhibits from an extensive stock of exhibits the original letter of credit issued by the Banque d'Ottoman, travellers' cheques and other documents. Also pens, ink-pots and chemicals, artists' drawing pens and brushes, as well as colours all of which, he submitted, were amongst the extensive paraphernalia used by the defendant for forging. As counsel produced these exhibits one by one, he kept up a running comment, noteworthy for its ironical references. Accused, he said, was a man of many accomplishments, and spoke French very fluently.

Chilean Sergeant's Evidence.

The first witness called, Sergeant Luiz Encina, was one of the two members of the Chilean police who brought accused here from Santiago. He gave formal evidence of the finding of all the exhibits on the accused when he was arrested at Santiago and of his being imprisoned there for some time before extradition to Hongkong. Williams, witness said, also possessed a pair of binoculars.

Cross-examined by Mr. Leo d'Almada, witness said that he could not say if accused had any water colour paintings or drawings, but he had observed Williams painting some pictures on board on the way out.

Other Evidence.

The head of the Letter of Credit Department of the Jerusalem branch of the Banque Ottoman, Mr. Avrothios Emanuel Meimara-chi, a Greek subject, who had been in that position since 1920, then gave evidence. He said he could identify the accused, who, as Charles Puig on July 27th, 1926, obtained a letter of credit for £200 for use in the Far East. Defendant paid for it in local currency.

Witness also identified the letter of credit which was alleged to have been burned by accident and he further identified the letter which was received by the Bank asking for a new letter of credit. On receipt of the letter, a fresh form was drawn up and sent to the defendant who acknowledged it in a letter sent from Mount Lebanon.

Mr. G. P. Lammert (junior) then went into the witness box. He said he is a teller in the American Express Company, Hongkong. He identified the prisoner as a man who called on December 2nd, 1926, at the bank and required £500 on a letter of credit of the Banque Ottoman. Witness accordingly gave defendant £450 in travellers' cheques and the equivalent of £50 in Hongkong currency. Witness made up two drafts on the London branch of the Banque Ottoman, which were dishonoured in due course. The letter of credit produced by Puig on that occasion was one for £2,000.

This completed the evidence for the prosecution, and Mr. D'Almada indicated that he would reserve his defence.

CANTON QUIET.

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FOREIGNER'S STORY.

How "Reds" Seized Control.

A foreign resident of Canton, writing to the *Telegraph* under date of Monday, says:

The week-end in the City of Rams has been far from pleasant for the long-suffering citizens, for the city changed hands in a most unsatisfactory way. On Saturday night no-one was aware that anything unusual was to take place; there had been many executions during the week and the people thought the bad characters were being satisfactorily dealt with. But about three o'clock on Sunday morning, sporadic firing was heard in different parts of the city, and gradually by 4 a.m. the noise of battle was raging in the Eastern suburbs. A great deal of ammunition was wasted, for the rifle firing continued till daylight. The rattle of machine-guns was also heard from time to time.

Sleeping continued till 9 a.m. and when the bolder civilians appeared on the streets, they found the regular troops of yesterday had vanished, and that squads of braves in civilian clothing with a gun and a bandolier of bullets were in charge of the city. More ugly still were the evil-looking prisoners who had been released from the gaols, and impressed as gunmen to keep out the enemy.

By mid-day, hand-bills were being distributed by the leaders of the "Peasants and Labourers' Army" announcing that the Communist cause had won a great victory and that a mass-meeting would be held in the No. 1 Public Garden in the centre of the city at 2 o'clock to celebrate the occasion.

The leaders of the invaders were rushing about the city in motor cars and buses, heavily armed and flying the Russian Soviet flag. All of the police stations except one were in the hands of the invaders and several police officials had been shot when the stations had been rushed by gunmen. The *Telegraph* Office had also been taken.

The distribution of arms and ammunition to groups of volunteers in various parts of the city was well organized. Motor cars received supplies of guns from a "shop" opposite the No. 1 Public Garden and carried them to the centres where the volunteers waited for their equipment, and not a few girls of the bobbed-hair type were among those who received a gun and a bandolier.

During the day the old Labour Union kitchens were reopened and from these centres many of the new army were fed.

Fires have broken out in several parts of the city, at the little east gate, and in the Sai-Wang-Kai, which runs off the Wing-Hon Ma-lo, and also on Honam. A reign of terror prevails and looting on an extensive scale is expected when these Communists are driven out.

There is little doubt that treachery on the part of some of the regular troops of yesterday made it possible for such an undisciplined rabble to take possession of the city.

H. B. U. Consul General sent H.M.S. Moorhen out to the east end of the city to bring the women and children into safety on Monday afternoon. The Asiatic Petroleum motor boat accompanied the Moorhen to bring the refugees off from the shore. These vessels were peppered with rifle fire as they came along the front reach. The motor boat was riddled, but no-one was wounded. All foreign women and children were thus rescued from Tungshan District.

The Prince of Wales, in a letter to the Lord Mayor, who presided over the founders' day dinner of Christ's Hospital, wrote: "As President of Christ's Hospital, I am pleased to hear that during my recent absence in Canada the Council of Almoners have decided to erect and equip additional buildings at both the Hospital's schools for the purpose of extending the education of the boys in natural science, and the girls in domestic science, and so fitting them on leaving to take up careers of greater usefulness, both to themselves and the country, here and overseas. This appears to me to be a very wise step; particularly now, when the need of suitable educated, keen young emigrants from the Home Country to the outlying parts of the Empire is so vital to its unity and welfare."

The defendant was then committed for trial at the January Sessions.



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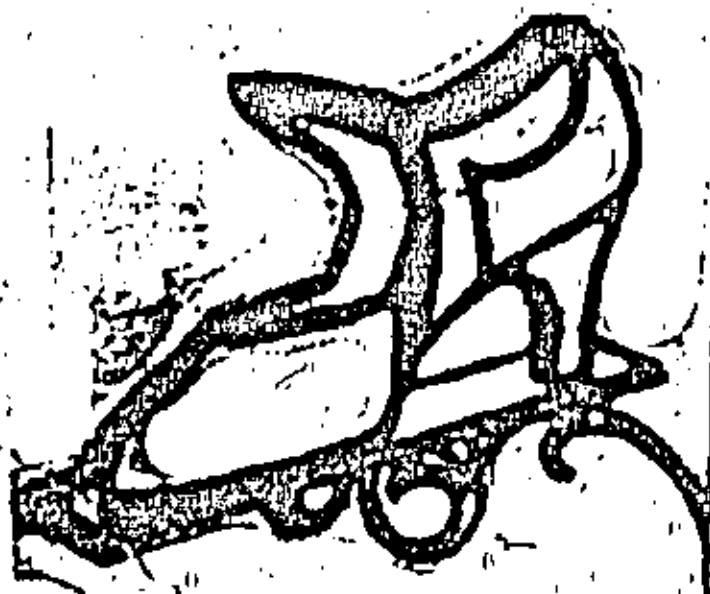
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THE VOLUNTEERS.

ORDERS FOR THE COMING WEEK.

No. 308, Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps Orders by Lieut.-Colonel L. G. Bird, D.S.O. Administrative Commandant.

Hongkong, Thursday, December, 15, 1927.

1. Annual Camp.—Full particulars regarding the annual camp which takes place between 1st December and 18th December have been issued to all ranks on 18th November by type written circular.

Men can proceed to Camp the evening of the day before i.e. on Friday evening, 16th December, 1927.

O.C. Companies will report to the Adjutant, H.K.V.D.C. as soon as possible any alteration in numbers of all ranks attending camp, stating meals required, so that rations can be arranged.

Those wishing to have their baggage sent to the camp at Bangle must deliver it, clearly labelled with owners' names at Corps Headquarters by 5 p.m. on Thursday 15th December, 1927.

2. Pay Lists.—Camp Pay Lists will be exposed in Corps Headquarters from Monday evening, 19th December. All ranks should note the amount of pay with which they are credited. Any comments as to accuracy of pay must be addressed to Orderly Room by Wednesday, 21st December, 1927.

Company Commanders will check their pay lists at Corps Headquarters on Monday evening, 19th December, 1927.

3. Corps Signals.

Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Monday 19th and Thursday, 22nd December for Signal Instruction.

Parade at Miniature Range at 5.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 21st December. All ranks who have not had their Standard Test Cards initiated must attend.

4 Artillery Company.

Lecture at Corps Headquarters on Thursday, 22nd December by Lieut. F.M.V. May, R.A.F. at 5.30 p.m. on Artillery Cooperation with Heavy Artillery. All ranks of the Corps are invited to be present.

5 Parades.

No parades will be held at Corps Headquarters from Saturday, 24th December, 1927 to Tuesday, 3rd January, 1928 inclusive.

6. Sergeants' Mess Meeting.

There will be a Sergeants' Mess meeting at 6 p.m. on Thursday, 22nd December. All members will please attend.

7. Strength.

The following recruit is taken on the strength on 8.12.27, and posted to the Artillery Company.

No. 1285 Gunner A. Laughton.

8. Reversion.—No. 768 L/Cpl. G.B. Slipper, Armoured Car Company reverts to the ranks at his own request, as from 15th December.

9. Transfer.—No. 768 Pte. G.B. Slipper is transferred from the Armoured Car Company to the Signals, as from 15.12.27.

10 Leave.

The following are granted leave of absence from the Corps.

No. 430 Pte. G.L. Maskell, No. 5 Platoon from 11.12.27 to 10.1.28.

No. 1173 Pte. M.G. Mills, A.C. Co. from 10.12.27 to 12.12.27.

No. 968 L/Cpl. J.K. Bousfield, A.S.C. Cadre from 7.12.27 until returning to the Colony.

11 Struck Off the Strength.

Having left the Colony, as from 2.12.27.

No. 1029 Pte. R.A. Jardine, M. I. Company.

Having purchased discharge, as from 1.12.27.

No. 745 Pte. D.S. Green, No. 2 Platoon.

Having completed three years' service and claimed his discharge, as from 22.11.27.

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NEW FERRY CHARGES.

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No special monthly tickets for families of six or more persons are now to be issued, the scale stopping at \$12 for a family of four to five persons.

New York, Dec. 14.

A sum of G\$7,500,000 from the Federal Reserve Bank is being shipped to-day to England.

The cable rate for sterling is G\$4.88 3/8, which is about 3/8 of a cent below the point at which most of the foreign exchange authorities hold that shipments of gold to England can be made with profit.—*Reuter's American Service.*

FUNERAL.

SURGEON LIEUT.-COMMDR. J. J. CARROLL.

The funeral of the late Surg. Lieut.-Commr. J. J. Carroll took place at the Roman Catholic Cemetery yesterday afternoon, the deceased being accorded full naval honours. The graveside service was conducted by the Rev. Father O'Connor, Naval Chaplain.

The coffin was borne from the Royal Naval Hospital on a gun carriage and was preceded by the band of the Royal Marines and a firing party from H.M.S. Carlisle.

There was a large attendance of Naval and Military officers, representing almost every unit of H.M. Forces. There were also present a detachment of European and Indian members of the Royal Naval Yard Police and naval ratings. Amongst those present were Vice-Admiral Sir Reginald Tyrwhitt, Major General C. G. Luard, Commodore J. L. Pearson, Col. Russell-Brown, Commander C. H. Phillips, Pay Lieut. H. Rogers, Rev. W. H. Hewitt, R.N., Dr. G. W. Pope (Medical Officer of Health), Dr. B. H. Mellon, Dr. J. P. Fahy and other local medical practitioners.

The Wreaths.

Wreaths were sent by his beloved wife Madeline; Paula Flynn (sister-in-law); His Excellency the Governor and Lady Clement; Lady Tyrwhitt; The General Officer Commanding and staff officers, South China Command; Commodore J. L. Pearson, R.N.; Lieut. Col. V. Coates and officers of the Punjab Regiment; Surg. Com. Kelley and Surg. Lieut. Com. Hurst; Lieut. Com. Douglas Garvey, R.N.; Surg. Com. Chuter, R.N.; Mr. J. Gill; Dr. J. P. Fahy; Dr. and Mrs. B. H. Mellon; Mr. and Mrs. Dunn and family; Mr. and Mrs. V. Chittenden; Mr. and Mrs. T. G.

HERMES RE-FITTED.

RETURNING SHORTLY TO CHINA STATION.

London, Dec. 14.

The aircraft carrier Hermes has completed her re-fit and has been re-commissioned at Chatham by Captain G. Hopwood for service on the Chinese Station, to which she will proceed shortly.

The cruiser Dispatch has been re-fitted and re-commissioned at Chatham for service as the flagship of Admiral Sir Walter Cowan, commander-in-chief of the American and West Indies Station.—*British Wireless.*

Martin; Commander and Mrs. J. Higgins, R.N.; Commander and Mrs. Christopher W. Phillips; Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Hayes; Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Reynolds; Surg. Com. and Mrs. Gibson; Mr. and Mrs. Hargreaves-Brown; Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Joughin; Mr. and Mrs. A. J. J. Brock.

Medical Officers: Sick Berth Staff of H.M.S. "Tamar" and Dockyard; Officers and Staff Royal Naval Armament Depot; Sick Berth of Royal Naval Hospital; S. E. E. Department; Officers of the K.O.S.B.; Royal Artillery Officers' Mess; Kowloon, Stonecutters and Lyemum Dockyard; Recreation Club; H. M. Naval Yard; European Staff of Secretary and Cashier; The Principal and Superior Officers of the Dockyard Office; the Staff and C. of D.'s Department; R. N.; Staff of the Expense Accounts Department; The Wardroom Officers, H.M.S. "Hawkins"; Ship's Company, H.M.S. "Tamar"; Officers of the Civil Engineer-in-Chief's Department; R. N. Dockyard; Officers, H.M.S. "Tamar"; Members of Royal Naval Yard Police; Storehouse Men, N. S. Depot.

P. AND O. REPORT.

CARGO SHORTAGE TO FAR EAST DEPLORED.

London, Dec. 14.

Presiding at the annual meeting of the Peninsular and Oriental Co., Lord Inchcape said that although passage earnings had advanced by a £250,000 very few voyages left a credit balance. There had been for various reasons a shortage of cargo to and from India, China and Australia, the cost of fuel, equipment and wages continued high and despite efforts to reduce working expenses without impairing efficiency they found it difficult to make ends meet, but hoped next year the Board would be able to recommend a moderate dividend.—*Reuter.*

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Concise monthly reports on reception by amateurs of the above would be welcome and might be forwarded to the Electrical Engineer, Public Works Department, at monthly intervals. The first reports should be sent in at the end of December.

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"If you would be so kind, I must have time to think over

London, Dec. 14.

"I have to say without breaking down." He stopped and breathed heavily for some moments.

"I have come here to tell you the whole truth, sir. I know the man."

A Ruse de Guerre.

brother officer. The night dark and an exceptionally ebb tide was running, swollen by recent heavy rain. The tide swept you well aft of your

(To be Continued.)

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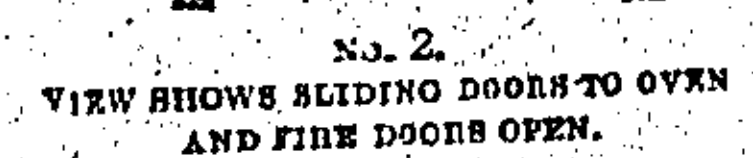
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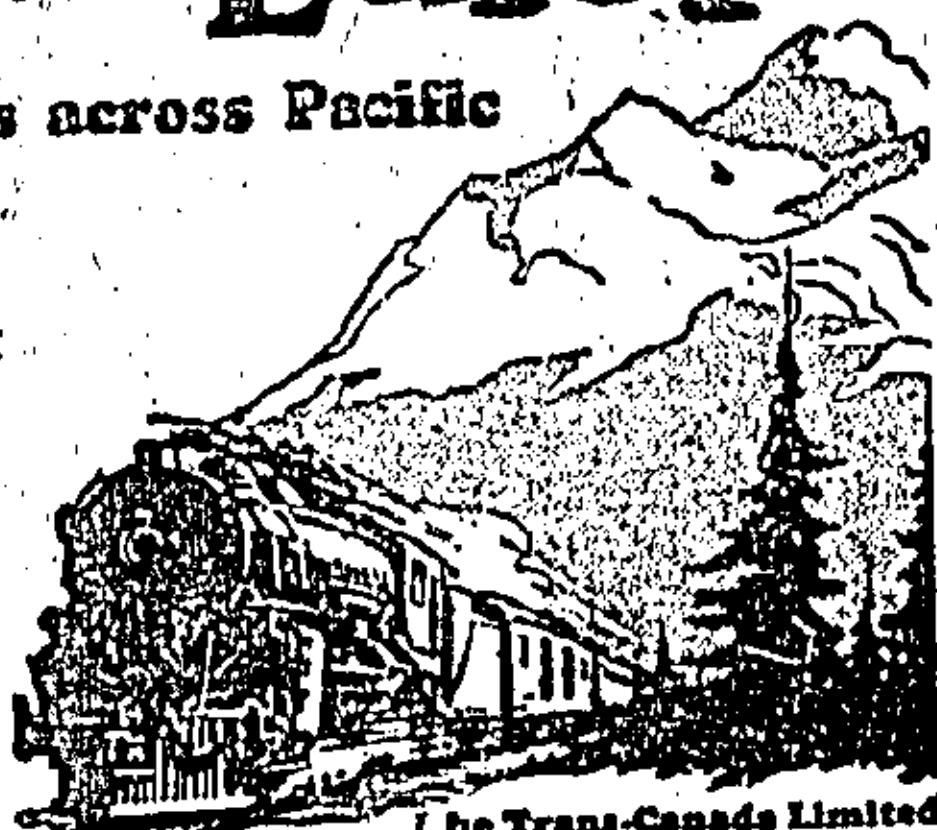
The ship's boat, which had also searched for Mr. Griffiths without success, and which picked up you, was unable to pull back to the Changochow against the tide and, therefore, dropped downstream to the s.s. Wuha. For your gallant action under these dangerous conditions the Royal Humane Society has awarded you its bronze medal and its certificate.

I grieve with you that your brave attempt was not crowned with success; but I rejoice that your gallantry, worthy in every way of the fine service to which you belong, has been recognized by the Royal Humane Society, and it gives me great pleasure to be the means of investing you with this medal. I am glad also to salute you as one of the gallant officers who, in November, 1926, recaptured the s.s. Sunning from a gang of Blas Bay pirates.

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CONCERTS FOR SERVICEMEN.

Y.M.C.A. ENTERTAINMENT
COMMITTEE PRAISED.

The official winding up of the Y. M. C. A. Entertainment Committee which has been responsible for the entertainment of the additional troops during their stay in Hongkong was effected at a meeting held in the board room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co. last evening when war tributes were paid to the work of the Committee and the efforts of its members.

The Chairman Mr. J. H. Hunt related how the Entertainment Committee and the sub-committee came into existence and said that consequent upon the reduction of troops in the Colony it had been thought advisable that the work of the committee should be brought to an official close.

During the time it had been in existence 45 concerts had been arranged and he thought he was right in passing on the thanks of the Directors of the Y.M.C.A. for the committee's great interest and help in providing entertainment for the troops.

The following report on the work of the Committee was read by Mr. R. Sutherland:

The first meeting in connexion with the movement for the entertainment of troops was held on March 14, when Mr. J. H. Hunt, the Secretary of the Naval and Military Y.M.C.A. outlined in detail the position of affairs as regards the large increase of Military in the Colony, and advised those present of the best means of assisting and entertaining them during their sojourn in Hongkong.

Fully Representative.

A preliminary organizing Committee was formed and subsequently an Entertainment Committee, consisting of some 30 members under my chairmanship, discussed in detail the possibilities and best means of providing amusement and entertainments at the various depots opened by the Y.M.C.A. and at the Military Barracks, and formulated a scheme which was put into operation.

The members of the Committee appointed were fully representative inasmuch as they embraced delegates from all the various sections of the community, and by forming groups representing districts, the work was greatly simplified.

Circulars were addressed to such residents in the Colony who were known to possess talent of the desired nature, and a very hearty response was met with. In due course their names, addresses and telephone numbers were tabulated and this file formed the backbone in making up our programmes.

In response to our first appeal for assistance we received replies from more than 100 ladies and gentlemen, which speaks well for the spirit and energy of our residents, to say nothing of the wealth of talent which in past years would seem to have been somewhat dormant.

Where Work was Done.

It was originally anticipated that our Committee would be able

to cope with the organization of entertainments at all Y.M.C.A. centres, but by force of circumstances, we were unable to assist, except in a small way, at the daily concerts at the "Cheer-o" Depot, Chater Road, although assistance was rendered to ladies in charge when they called upon us.

The work of our Committee therefore was more or less confined to the "Better 'Ole" Kowloon, to the City Hall, Hankow Barracks, The Rope Factory, Nanking Barracks and the 7th General Hospital. At these various centres, during a period from the end of March to the 17th October, some 54 concerts were arranged, and I think it may truthfully be said, were appreciated.

The work of the Committee was considerably lightened by the energy and interest of various ladies and gentlemen who formed troupes of entertainers, such as "The Squakettes," organised by Mrs. Russell-Brown, The "J-Pans" by Miss V. Capell, "The Revellers" by Messrs. Tolan and Fleming and also Miss O'Keefe's troupe of dancers. These parties undertook complete entertainments for a night and performed most valuable work. Members of both the Naval and Military Services were ever ready to contribute items to the programmes which were much appreciated.

Some of the Helpers.

In a report of this nature it is undesirable to individualize, but I should like to mention the very valuable assistance rendered in the early days of our work by the band of the 1st Bat. The Cameronians, The Lyric Orchestra, The Ubbique Orchestra under the management of Mr. Donithorne, by the bands of the Northamptonshire Regiment, the 2nd Bat. King's Own Scottish Borderers and orchestras of ships of H. M. Navy.

As the movement developed, it was found that there was a demand for more entertainment on the Hongkong side than was at that time afforded at the "Cheer-o" Depot, where only limited accommodation was available. A special Sub-Committee was therefore appointed, and through the courtesy of the City Hall Committee the Theatre was engaged when required on very reasonable terms, and the City Hall Committee are due our very hearty thanks for meeting us in the way they did.

At the City Hall Mrs. Costen, a very energetic worker, with a willing band of helpers, organized very successful concerts and during her stay in the Colony performed most useful work. We were fortunate in having Mrs. Youngusband to succeed her and under her management further concerts took place at the City Hall Theatre. In all cases the building was packed to its capacity.

Deserving of All Praise.

Our thanks are due to many firms who specially contributed to prizes and financially assisted in many ways.

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at 9 o'clock—a somewhat incon-
venient time for Hongkong, and
that on no occasion was it neces-
sary to cancel any concert through
lack of artists, it says a great
deal for the interest evinced by
our helpers, the more so as the
entertainments, as already explained,
were held at varying places, some
rather inaccessible, and during a
summer which will long be remem-
bered for its incessant rain. I
consider that all those who came
forward and worked as success-
fully are deserving of all praise.

A Generous Community.

While the expenses of the en-
tertainment Committee were kept
as low as possible, the scope of the
work naturally called for substan-
tial grants from the General Fund
so generously subscribed by the
Community of Hongkong and it
was due to this that we were, par-
ticularly in the preliminary stages,
able to put arrangements on a
suitable basis with the full con-
fidence that the essential funds
would be forthcoming.

The Press as in all cases of a
similar demand in the Colony were
united in their assistance in
giving the correct amount of public-
ity to the cause and their ge-
nerous and helpful attitude through-
out was most commendable.

As is not unusual, the bulk of
the work fell on the shoulders of
our Hon. Secretary, Mr. T. V.
Harmon, and it was largely due
to his untiring efforts that the or-
ganization was carried out success-
fully. Mr. Harmon gave up all his
 spare time in the interests of the
movement and is deserving of
hearty thanks and congratulation
for the results achieved.

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*KALYAN	9,144	7th Apr.	Marseilles & London
MONGOLIA	16,504	14th Apr.	Marseilles & London
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CONCERTS FOR SERVICEMEN.

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Mr. J. H. Hunt throughout the whole period kept in constant touch with our arrangements and I am deeply indebted to him for much kindly advice and assistance. Col. Russell Brown expressed regret that General Luard was unable to be present and give thanks in much better terms to the members of the Committee who had done an extraordinary amount of work for the troops, Naval and Air forces.

Proposed Broadcasting.

Mr. P. S. Cassidy, on behalf of the Directors of the Y.M.C.A., said it was gratifying to hear that the efforts of the Committee had been appreciated. Although the Directors had accepted responsibility they had been able to leave the work to others and they were keenly appreciative of the work which had been done.

Col. Russell Brown mentioned the proposed wireless entertainments for the troops and said that the usual garrison was still in Hongkong. He asked if there were any prospects of broadcast concerts being arranged in the future.

Mr. Sutherland explained the position with regard to this scheme by reading the following report:

An effort was made, and a very considerable amount of detail work was expended in endeavouring to arrange a scheme of broadcast suitable entertaining matter to the troops.

The details are well known to you and it is a matter of regret that so far success has not attended our efforts.

Weather Prevents Work.

A transmitter was made available to us on very reasonable terms and a meeting of those having the essential knowledge of wireless was held on the 22nd March to discuss possibilities. There were various technical difficulties with regard to arrangements for the site for the transmitter, but fortunately, through the courtesy of The Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co. Ltd., suitable rooms and a good position for aerial were secured in the vicinity of Wanchai.

We were particularly fortunate in obtaining the advice and assistance of various expert gentlemen, but unfortunately one of the most essential fittings of the transmitter could not be obtained for a very considerable period.

The incessant wet weather prevailing all summer practically made experimental work impossible notwithstanding the patience and untiring work of those assisting.

Through the kindness of a local gentleman, the transmitter has now been successfully adjusted. Our experts considered another site would be more suitable and it has now been installed on the roof of the Lee Theatre.

At the time of writing final tests have not been made but I have reason to suppose that everything will be found in perfect order.

Now Being Considered.

It will be remembered that a special sum from the General Fund was earmarked in this connection, only a portion of which has so far been expended, and as Mrs. Jenner 3, Mobile Party 3, soon as our experts are satisfied that the transmitter is all that is

LIVERPOOL SCARE.

PETROL ESCAPES FROM WRECK.

London, Dec. 14.

The oil tanker *Seminoles* broke her back on the North Plunkington Bank in the Mersey yesterday and 8,000 tons of petrol floated towards Liverpool. Full precautions against fire were promptly taken along the whole river front. Smoking is rigorously prohibited in the area, while steam lorries are not allowed on the ferries because of the danger from sparks. Several vessels have removed from the zone, but the fire brigades have laid thousands of yards of hose along the landing stage and quays in case of emergency. It is believed that the danger will soon be removed.—*British Wireless.*

London, Dec. 14.

The turning of the tide has relieved the anxiety at Liverpool, carrying off the mass of floating petrol which now carpets the sand banks at the mouth of the Mersey.

The strictest precautions continue to be enforced. Smoking is forbidden near the river and all available fire fighting forces are standing by.—*Reuter.*

required; I shall be glad to meet the Y.M.C.A. Directors with a view to discussing future arrangements.

We have still many troops in the Colony, some of which will be widely scattered, and as there are many advantages in having a properly conducted broadcasting scheme, it is possible that some arrangement might be come to whereby a joint organization controlled by those members of the community who are wireless enthusiasts and the Y.M.C.A. might be of considerable benefit to the Colony. The whole matter is at present being considered and will require to be discussed at a later date.

I may say without mentioning names that several gentlemen have given up a great deal of their time in endeavouring to perfect an acceptable broadcasting scheme and we are very much indebted to them for all their work.

Successful Tests.

He added that he had learned yesterday that tests had been made on Monday evening and it was hoped by next week to have a transmitter capable of a range of between 70 and 80 miles around Hongkong.

Mr. J. L. McPherson stressed the fact that entertainments for the troops were still being continued at the Cheer O centre and that part of the Kowloon building was also set aside for the use of servicemen.

It was also mentioned that another City Hall concert to be given on December 23 is being arranged by Mrs. P. Younghouse and when another crowded audience is expected.

The following is a summary of the concerts arranged and given by the Committee. "Better Oi!" 28, City Hall 7, Hankow Barracks 6, Rope Factory 6, Nanking Barracks 3, 7th. General Hospital 3, Cameron Road 1. The following were responsible for the concerts: Miss V. Capell 10, Cameronian Band 8, Lyric Orchestra 6, Mrs. Younghouse 6, "Revellers" 4, Mrs. Jenner 3, Mobile Party 3, Northamptonshire Band 2 and Mrs. Coster 2.

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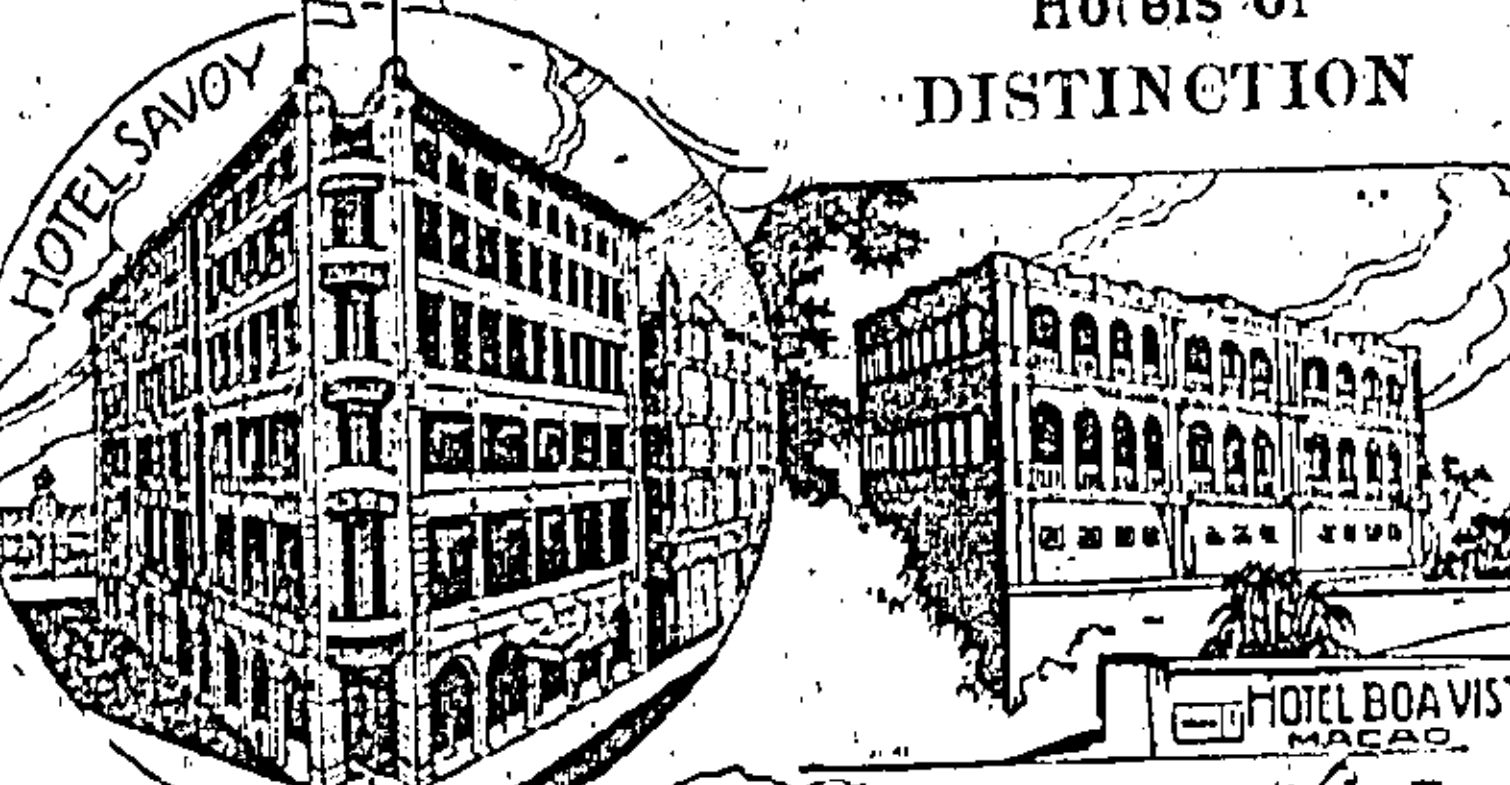
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SUSPECTED PIRACY.**DISTRESS SIGNAL SENT OUT.**

A wireless message from the Mao Lee, a small Chinese vessel plying between coastal ports, was received by the Naval Authorities yesterday afternoon, conveying the information that she had met with robbers or pirates on her voyage to Canton. From the urgent tone of the call, it was apparent that the Master of the steamer was of opinion that the matter was desperate.

Unaltered, the original message to the Naval Authorities reads: "Any vessel save us. Come Whampoa, sound Canton. My ship has meet robbers. Please come. Very dangerous. Will all be killed. Please hurry naval authorities."

At 3.30 yesterday afternoon, a radio message from the same steamer was delivered to the local agents, Messrs. Yee Tai Hong, 156 Wing Lok Street, through the local Radio Office. It stated that the Mao Lee which left Hongkong at nine o'clock yesterday morning, was fired at before reaching Whampoa from lights which were filled with pirates, but if the intention of the pirates was to board the vessel, it apparently did not materialise. No information was given in the message of any casualties amongst the crew, and it is presumed from the fact that the Mao Lee had actually reached Whampoa when she sent out this second call, that she had eluded the junks and for the time being was out of danger. As the Mao Lee is a vessel under the Chinese flag, the agents, when questioned late yesterday afternoon, said that they thought it advisable to refer the matter to Canton, and in fact had advised the steamer by radio to forward a request for naval assistance from the Canton authorities.

The coincidence in facts which this attack bears to the earlier report concerning an incident which happened to the Norwegian steamer Oran, points to the strong possibility that the assailants in both cases were the same band. The Mao Lee, commanded by Captain Watanabe, is owned by a Company at Daien, with the Lee Tai Hong as the local agents.

The Agents had no further news when communicated with at 8.30 last night. From the tenor of the second message they assumed that the Mao Lee after having escaped from the junks, was now anchored at Whampoa, where it was not conceivable that she could be exposed to any further attack. The Captain may have possibly anticipated further trouble between Whampoa and Canton, and was therefore reluctant to continue the trip without naval protection. As stated, the Agents have instructed the Mao Lee by wireless to communicate with Canton for this assistance.

POLICE ALERT.

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undoubted Communists, as an examination of their clothing revealed, but the other five, a man, a boy, a girl and two women, were members of one family, who were forced into accepting "Red" protection, in their anxiety to flee from the city on to one of the river steamers. When the facts of the case were made known, it was of course, too late.

During the height of the reign of terror, there was enacted yet another outstanding tragedy in the native City, where two escaped criminals broke into the home of Shum Chu-sau, or Shum Hok-loi, a high judicial official, and took his revenge for fancied wrongs by murdering the official's wife.

Arrests On "Sai On"

The s.s. Sai On, which came in an hour after the arrival of the Fatshan, unloaded a large number of passengers, estimated to total over 700. Here the searchers were also very busy, and it was well over an hour before the last of the passengers was allowed ashore. By this time, some fifty were arrested as suspected Communists, including two students who proclaimed that they were looking for Chan Kee-woon, formerly a notorious Communist official in the late Hankow regime. In view of the fact that two women were amongst the number of alleged Communists taken off the Kinshan earlier in the day, special attention was paid to female passengers, particularly those of the bob-haired variety. All were carefully searched and were not permitted to go ashore until the officers had been satisfied beyond all doubt as to their antecedents.

Case in Court.

A Chinese was charged before Mr. R. E. Lindell this morning with being in possession of and with distributing seditious leaflets.

The man pleaded guilty to the charge of possession, but explained that he intended to throw away the leaflets. He added that he was given two dollars by a stranger to distribute the leaflets, but because he knew it was against the law, he accepted the money and intended to throw away the literature.

The Magistrate adjourned the hearing until Monday next at noon, in order that a proper translation could be made of the leaflet.

BANKRUPTCY DISCLOSURES.

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their money on them?—Yes, this is true.
Houses at Aberdeen.

Debtor continued that he purchased undeveloped property in Aberdeen in 1923 for \$63,985 and 14 houses had since been erected. The rentals ranged between \$30 and \$33 a month. He had to pay Crown rents and taxes out of that. These properties were also heavily mortgaged in 1924, one being in 1925 and the mortgagees were again the China Provident Company. The first mortgage was for \$50,000, with two further charges of \$30,000 and \$60,000 the last one being in September, 1925. Since that date he had not been able to raise any more mortgage money on that property.

Share Deals.

Questioned with regard to shares, debtor stated he commenced to deal in shares about 1922 and until 1924 his transactions were generally successful, but after that year he began to lose money. Like many others, on July Settlement Day in 1925 he was very heavily involved.

Debtor agreed with Mr. Agassiz that he had examined the proofs of debt from brokers and that he disagreed with some. Debtor disputed a proof from Mr. Carroll for \$2,000 odd and another from Mr. J. F. Grose and Co. for \$51,038.74. He also disputed a proof from Mr. Logan, the amount not being stated.

Mr. Agassiz:—At the end of 1925, not including any accrued interest except interest which had accrued up to that time in respect of share transactions with the China Provident, there was a deficit, after deducting land values for securities at the flat rate in July, 1925, of nine lakhs alone, apart from anything else?—I have not calculated it myself.

Debtor continued that he investigated his position in 1924 but not afterwards. In that year he was solvent.

Mr. Agassiz:—At the end of 1925 will you agree with me that you were hopelessly insolvent?—Yes. The only hope I had was that the shares might go up again. He added that he also knew that the balance of debts represented a very large sum. He realised at the time that he was paying eight, nine and ten per cent. interest to brokers and in some cases compound interest. He had not agreed to pay compound interest.

Mr. Agassiz:—Your indebtedness to share brokers alone at the end of 1925, and taking securities as their value, was roughly between four and five lakhs?—Yes.

Debtor agreed that the debts that had been lodged in his bankruptcy on share transactions with brokers amounted to \$1,027,700.47 gross, and the present value of the securities held by the brokers was now \$133,500.49.

Mr. Agassiz:—Deducting that security and also the proofs of debt which you dispute (I am taking those in your favour) your unsecured liability to share brokers on that basis is \$769,150.97?—I know nothing about it myself.

Hotel Agreement.

Further questioned with regard to his connexion with the Hongkong Hotel, debtor said the strike of 1925 disorganised business and about that time the market prices went up. He had applied to the hotel on various occasions to vary the percentage of his remuneration.

In reply to his Lordship, Mr. Agassiz said the agreement could be terminated by three months' notice from either side. Mr. Agassiz continued that he had a letter to the effect that the agreement was terminated in 1925.

Debtor replied that there was a suggestion that the old agreement should be cancelled and a new one substituted. That was in September, 1926, but the suggestion was not acted upon. As far as he knew, he was employed under the terms of the old agreement up to the date of filing his petition.

Debtor agreed that figures produced by Mr. Agassiz showing the results of his contract with the hotel in 1926 and 1927, to the end of October, were supplied by himself. They showed a heavy loss. His loss on food in 1926 under the agreement was \$143,338.49, but he made a profit on wines and spirits of \$27,369.75. The net loss in 1926 was \$115,968.73. He applied to the Chief Manager for his percentage to be varied, but he was away on leave and when he returned he was ill, so that the matter had not gone any further.

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CEYLON'S PROBLEMS.**CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM PROPOSALS.**

The *Pinnay Gazette's* Colombo correspondent says that the European Association's memorandum on constitutional reforms suggests, firstly, measures to safeguard Imperial defence interests because the island's prosperity depends on British enterprise and capital; secondly that the Executive Council should consist of four officials, four unofficials, and at least four legislative members representing European interests; thirdly, that the present Legislature is unsatisfactory and that communal representation is imperative, but that the Governor's veto power should continue.

Female Franchise.

The same correspondent states that impelled by the intense political atmosphere created by the presence of the Reform Commission a public meeting of women representing all communities has formed a union to work for and demand female franchise.

Although the original proposal was to restrict the franchise to a limited circle it was ultimately decided to agitate for extension of the franchise to women over 25 years of age possessing a school leaving certificate and the qualification of either owning Rs. 5,000 worth of property or having an income of Rs. 50 a month. It was agreed to forward a memorandum to the Commission.

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

The following are the replies to to-day's questions:—
1. *Shall of a child found at Gibraltar and declared to be of the same date as Neanderthal man.*
2. *Temperature falls 1 degree.*
3. *135 feet.*
4. *Temperatures for every 300 feet vertical fall 1 degree.*
5. *In London.*
6. *1,655,000.*
7. *Edmond Hamilton.*
8. *1871.*
9. *Wroth.*
10. *Concilia the elder.*
11. *Burgomaster of silver.*
12. *Otto Guericke.*
13. *Vicar of Exram, in Manschur.*
14. *In 1671.*
15. *Devayshire, and the parliamentarian who helped to stop the passage of the great pinnace on 15th November 11.*
16. *Mark over a vowel indicating that another vowel has been omitted.*

own figures, was \$159,515.23, his profit on wines was \$21,366.82, leaving a net loss of \$138,148.41. The total loss on that contract for 1926 and the first ten months of 1927 amounted to \$244,616.14.

According to his own statement, the total debts due for goods supplied was \$214,245.92 and all those goods with small exceptions had been supplied between May and November this year. During the month of November this year, he had ordered goods to the extent of \$19,533.75.

Mr. Agassiz:—What prospect had you of paying for these goods?—The only prospect I had was falling market prices and better times.

Credit Stopped.

Debtor continued that at the beginning of November he was dealing with various European firms, including the Dairy Farm and Messrs. Lane, Crawford's. The Dairy Farm stopped giving credit from the first, and the hotel then paid cash. Messrs. Lane, Crawford's notified him that if he did not settle up his accounts, they would not give him further credit. Debtor approached the hotel for assistance and was told to wait until the 15th. of the month.

Mr. Agassiz:—That means that your request for assistance was refused?—Yes.

Debtor stated that on that date the sum of about \$25,000 would be due to him. Although his request was refused, he continued to order goods from people who would supply them and for those who would not, the hotel paid cash. He decided to file his petition because one of the market dealers sued him for \$3,000.

In reply to Mr. Davidson, debtor said that the date on which he made the verbal agreement with the hotel for wines and spirits was some time in 1922. The percentage he received from the hotel for liquors supplied was 48 per cent.

Credit was given to you because these firms knew you were acting as the hotel's agent?—I don't know. All the orders were made in my name.

But the goods were sent to the Hongkong Hotel?—Yes.

His Lordship:—After trouble arose, the hotel paid for goods in cash at the current market price?—Yes.

Whereas formerly they had getting them at less than the market price?—I had an agreement with them to supply at a certain price.

Debtor stated that his heavy losses in the latter months of 1927 were represented by the difference between the market price and the price at which he was supplying the hotel, in accordance with the agreement.

The examination was closed.

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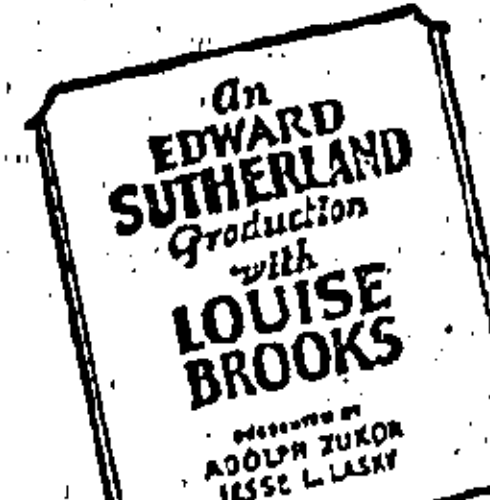


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